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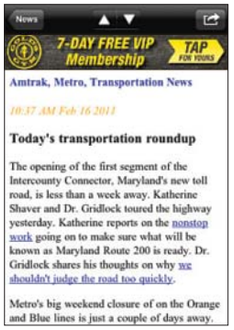

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More on Fascinating Topic Of the Wisconsin Booming

Clintonville, Wisc., where unexplained booms have kept some residents up at night, is hiring an engineering firm to explore the cause of the racket, the city's administrator said Thursday. Ruekert & Mielke will install seismology monitors. Residents began reporting the loud booms on Sunday night. Some said it sounded like an explosion, others that is was more like a door being slammed. Some cited fireworks, others wondered if they had experienced an earthquake. (AP)

"It keeps the teenagers under your roof so you know where they are."

— **CLAIRE FARROW,** OF WEST KENSINGTON, ENGLAND. SHE AND HER HUSBAND INSTALLED A NIGHTCLUB IN THEIR HOME SO THEIR TWO CHILDREN WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO OUT TO DANCE, ACCORDING TO THE DAILY MAIL.

TRANSLATION

A Novel Way to Say 'I Quit'

The administrator of Keller, Texas, believes he's not needed and has laid himself off. City Manager Dan O'Leary announced his decision Wednesday. O'Leary says the city has two assistant managers and really does not need a third administrator. He earns about $176,000 annually. The 57-year-old O'Leary, who was hired in 2007, says he has no plans to retire. His last day on the job will be April 20. (AP)

The Big Picture

JENS MEYER/AP

YOU MISSED A — NOPE, YOU'RE GOOD: Volker Kraft decorates a tree with 10,000 Easter eggs on Wednesday in his garden in Saalfeld, Germany. The Kraft family has been decorating their tree for Easter for more than 40 years. (AP)

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U.S.: Army Sergeant Faces 17 Murder Counts

A U.S. official says Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales will be charged Friday with 17 counts of murder in the massacre of Afghan villagers. The 38-year-old soldier allegedly gunned down nine Afghan children and eight adults as they slept in their homes in two southern villages. (AP)

WASHINGTON

House Panel Approves GOP Budget Blueprint

The top Republican in the House predicted a deficit-slashing GOP budget plan is on track to pass next week despite clearing the Budget Committee by a razor-thin margin. The plan calls for cutting $5.3 trillion from President Obama's budget over the coming decade. (AP)

PORTLAND, ORE.

5 National Grocers Stop Buying 'Pink Slime' Meat

Supermarket chains Kroger Co., Stop & Shop, Supervalu Inc., Food Lion and Safeway Inc. have decided to stop buying ground beef that contains the filler now known as "pink slime." Regulators say the ammonia-treated filler meets food safety standards. Critics say the product could be unsafe. (AP

DALLAS

At Least 5 Komen Execs Leave After Controversy

At least five executives with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure breast cancer charity have resigned in the aftermath of the organization's decision to eliminate its funding for Planned Parenthood. A Komen spokeswoman declined to comment on their reasons for leaving. (AP)

Clarification

The March 20 story "Report: D.C. Misled EPA," concerning events that took place at the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority between 2001 and 2003, included a photograph of current D.C. Water and Sewer General Manager George S. Hawkins, who did not join the agency until 2009.

Police Chief Steps Aside in Fla.

Decision comes amid fury stemming from teen's fatal shooting

Sanford, Fla.

The police chief who has been bitterly criticized for not arresting a neighborhood watch volunteer in the shooting death of an unarmed black teenager announced Thursday that he is temporarily stepping down.

Sanford Police Chief Bill Lee's decision came less than a day after city commissioners gave him a "no confidence" vote, and after a couple of weeks of protests and uproar on social media websites. Lee has said the evidence in the case supported George Zimmerman's claim that the Feb. 26 shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin was self-defense.

"I do this in the hopes of restoring some semblance of calm to a city which has been in turmoil for several weeks," Lee said.

Martin was returning from a trip to a convenience store when Zimmerman started following him, telling police dispatchers he looked suspicious. At some point, the two got into a fight and Zimmerman pulled out his gun.

Zimmerman told police Martin attacked him after he had given up on chasing the teenager and was returning to his sport utility vehicle.

MARIOTAMA/GETTY IMAGES

Sanford, Fla. Police Chief Bill Lee, left, announces Thursday he will temporarily step down. He spoke alongside Sanford city manager Norton Bonaparte Jr., right.

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The number of states with a "Stand Your Ground Law," which gives people wide latitude to use deadly force during a fight. Florida's version lets police decide whether they believe in the self-defense claim. (AP)

The police chief continued Thursday to stand behind his agency's investigation.

"As a former homicide investigator, a career law enforcement officer and a father, I am keenly aware of the emotions associated with this tragic death of a child. I'm also aware that my role as a leader of this agency has become a distraction from the investigation," Lee said.

It wasn't immediately how long the police chief would step aside.

KYLE HIGHTOWER (AP)

Magnified Outrage

The shooting of Trayvon Martin has ignited racial tensions in Sanford, Fla. Civil rights groups have held rallies in Florida and New York, saying the shooting was unjustified. The Justice Department and FBI have opened a civil rights investigation, and the local prosecutor has convened a grand jury April 10 to determine whether to charge George Zimmerman of killing Martin. (AP)

Drugs Found in Houston's System

Autopsy: Cocaine, blocked arteries contributed to death

Los Angeles

Whitney Houston died from drowning in a hotel bathtub, but coroner's officials said Thursday that heart disease and chronic cocaine use were contributing factors to the singer's death.

The release of autopsy findings Thursday ends weeks of speculation about what killed the Grammy-winning singer on Feb. 11 on the eve of the Grammy Awards.

Houston was found submerged in the bathtub of her room at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, and her death has been ruled as accidental. Several bottles of prescription medications were found in her hotel room, but coroner's officials said they weren't in excessive quantities.

Beverly Hills police said in a statement there was no evidence of wrongdoing in connection with Houston's death.

DAN STEINBERG/AP

A coroner's report concluded Whitney Houston's death was accidental.

"We are saddened to learn of the toxicology results, although we are glad to now have closure," said Patricia Houston, the singer's sister-in-law and manager.

Coroner's Chief of Operations Craig Harvey said cocaine and its byproducts were found in Houston's system, and it was listed as a contributing factor in her death. He said the results indicated Houston was a chronic cocaine user.

Toxicology results also showed Houston had marijuana, Xanax, the muscle relaxant Flexeril, and Benadryl in her system. Houston died just hours before she was scheduled to appear at a pre-Grammy Awards party.

The singer also had a heart disease that caused blockages in her arteries. ANTHONY MCCARTNEY (AP)

COMEBACKS

You Really Like Me!

Thanks to a gaffe by Mitt Romney strategist Eric Fehrnstrom, Etch A Sketch is drawing lots of attention. Ohio Art's stock had nearly tripled by Thursday afternoon to $9.65, and stores reported a jump in sales, said chairman Bill Killgallon. One thing the Etch a Sketch won't do is pick sides in the campaign. "We have a left knob and a right knob," he said. "We neutrally speak to both parties. (AP)

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Santorum's Big Gamble

Behind in delegates, candidate pins hope on past caucuses

Washington

Rick Santorum is falling so far behind Mitt Romney in the race for Republican delegates that his best chance might be in states that voted weeks ago.

The chief rival to the front-running Romney, Santorum is trying to improve his lot in places like Iowa and Washington, where local caucuses were just the first step in determining delegates to the Republican National Convention. In those states and a few others, supporters are now preparing for county, congressional district and state conventions, where the campaigns hope to keep their delegates — and possibly poach some from other candidates.

The former Pennsylvania senator's campaign predicts that he will significantly increase his delegate haul in caucus states, primarily at the expense of Romney.

Six states — Iowa, Colorado, Minnesota, Maine and Washington — have held local caucuses that were only the start of a multistep process to win actual delegates. Together, those states have a total of 223 delegates, which will be up for grabs at county, congressional district and state conventions sprinkled throughout the spring.

Louisiana holds its GOP primary on Saturday, the same day county conventions kick off in Washington.

Rich Beeson, Romney's political director, notes that Santorum didn't get on the ballot in Virginia or Washington, D.C.

"You're all of a sudden going to be able to organize at a state convention, a county assembly, and start stealing delegates from us?" Beeson said. "We have a plan in place." STEPHEN OHLEMACHER (AP)

Countdown to a Clinch

Rick Santorum's delegate count clocks in at 263—300 fewer than Mitt Romney's 563. Santorum would need to win 74 percent of the delegates in the remaining primaries to clinch the nomination. Romney has also raked in endorsements from Republican National Committee members who automatically attend the convention and can support any candidate they choose. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich has 135 and Texas Rep. Ron Paul has 50. (AP)

U.S.: Water May Key Global Unrest

Washington

Drought, floods and a lack of fresh water may cause significant global instability and conflict in the coming decades, as developing countries scramble to meet demand from exploding populations while dealing with the effects of climate change, U.S. intelligence agencies said in a report released Thursday.

An assessment reflecting the joint judgment of federal intelligence agencies says the risk of water issues causing wars in the next 10 years is minimal even as they create tensions within and between states and threaten to disrupt national and global food markets. But beyond 2022, it says the use of water as a weapon of war or a tool of terrorism will become more likely, particularly in South Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.

The report predicts countries will regulate internal supplies to suppress separatist movements and dissident populations.

Based on a classified National Intelligence Estimate on water security, the report was released at a State Department event commemorating World Water Day. MATTHEW LEE (AP)

STRIKES

Colo.'s Buzz Kill

Haircuts may be hard to come by after eight barbers went on strike Thursday at the Buckley Air Force Base outside Denver. The barbers said their employer, Gino Morena Enterprises, wants to shave their commissions, so they're picketing. Military personnel can still get their buzz cuts, but they may have to wait—only one barber didn't strike. (AP)

Hearsay

"The rope is just a prop. ... it will look very realistic. I will be the only one being hanged, just to keep it safe."

—**MEDORA, N.D., MAYOR DOUG ELLISON,** WHO ASKED TO BUILD A GALLOWS ON HIS LAWN TO STAGE MOCK HANGINGS FOR TOURISTS. ELLISON VOLUNTEERED TO BE THE ONLY PERSON "HANGED." THE CITY'S PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WILL VOTE ON IT NEXT MONTH.

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World

In Brief

BAMAKO, MALI

Military Stages Coup

Drunk soldiers looted Mali's presidential palace after they declared a coup Thursday, suspending the constitution and dissolving one of the few established democracies in this part of Africa. The whereabouts of President Amadou Toumani Toure, 63, who was a month away from stepping down after a decade in office, could not be confirmed. (AP)

GIGLIO, ITALY

5 Bodies Found Aboard Stricken Cruise Ship

Searchers found five bodies in the wreck of the Costa Concordia cruise ship, which struck a reef off an Italian island in January, an Italian official said Thursday. The development raises the number of bodies found to 30. Two people are missing and are presumed dead. (AP)

SANAA, YEMEN

Officials: 29 Insurgents Slain in Targeted Attack

Navy ships shelled suspected al-Qaeda positions in the southern province of Abyan, killing 29 militants, military and security officials said Thursday. They said the rocket and artillery barrage, spread out over a 24-hour period that ended early Thursday, struck alleged al-Qaeda targets around the city of Zinjibar, Abyan's provincial capital. (AP)

Hearsay

"President Bashar Assad must urgently fix numerous mistakes that he has made. ... Assad must take the first step."

— **MIKHAIL MARGELOV,** A SENIOR RUSSIAN LAWMAKER, SPEAKING THURSDAY AND SIGNALING A MARKED SHIFT IN MOSCOW'S STANCE ON THE YEAR-LONG CONFLICT IN SYRIA, ITS LONGTIME ALLY.

Suspect in French Killings Slain

Extremist's standoff with police ends in deadly gun battle

Toulouse, France

In a dramatic end to a 32-hour standoff, a French SWAT team slipped into the apartment of an Islamist extremist Thursday, sparking a firefight that ended with the suspect jumping out the window and being shot dead in the head.

Mohamed Merah, 23, was wanted in the deaths of three French paratroopers, three Jewish schoolchildren and a rabbi — all killed since March 11 in what Merah reportedly told police was an attempt to "bring France to its knees."

Police had been trying to capture him alive since a predawn raid Wednesday to arrest him at his apartment in the city of Toulouse. The killings he was accused of — and boasted about to police — have shocked France and ignited fear in moderate Muslims about stoking discrimination.

The seven slayings, carried out in three motorcycle shooting attacks, are believed to be the first killings inspired by Islamic radical motives in France in more than a decade.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said an investigation was under way to see if Merah, a French citizen of Algerian descent who claimed links to al-Qaeda, had any accomplices.

The SITE Intelligence Group reported Thursday that a lesser-known jihadist group was claiming responsibility for the attacks in France. There was no independent confirmation of the claim. JOHANNA DECORSE AND SARAH DILORENZO (AP)

PHILIPPE MERLE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Relative mourn Thursday at the funeral in Lyon, France, for a paratrooper slain over the weekend, one of seven people killed in recent terror attacks in France.

Meanwhile ...

French President Nicolas Sarkozy proposed a sweeping new law Thursday that would jail those who visit extremist websites — one of several tough new measures floated in the wake of a shooting spree. "What is possible for pedophiles should be possible for trainee terrorists and their supporters, too," Sarkozy said at a rally. **(AP)**

Fire Consumes Kolkata Market

BIKAS DAS/AP

A SHOP OWNER STANDS AMID THE RUINS Thursday after a fire in Kolkata, India, destroyed more than 200 shops and 1,200 stalls at the Hatibagan market, one of the city's oldest, police said. No casualties have been reported.

Al-Qaeda Claims Killing of U.S. Man in Yemen

Sanaa, Yemen

Al-Qaeda's Yemen branch said Thursday that it killed an American teacher because he was trying to spread Christianity in the mainly Muslim Arab nation.

Joel Shrum, a 29-year-old native of Mount Joy, Pa., was gunned down on Sunday in Taiz, where he had been living with his wife and two sons. He was studying Arabic and teaching English at a language institute.

The claim of responsibility by al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, as the terror network's Yemen branch is formally known, was posted on a militant website. (AP)

30 **The prison sentence, in years, that a Belgian man received** Thursday for attacking his former girlfriend with sulfuric acid. A jury in Brussels convicted 57-year-old Richard Remes, and he was then given the maximum sentence Thursday for the 2009 attack, which left Patricia Lefranc with a badly deformed face that required dozens of operations. (AP)

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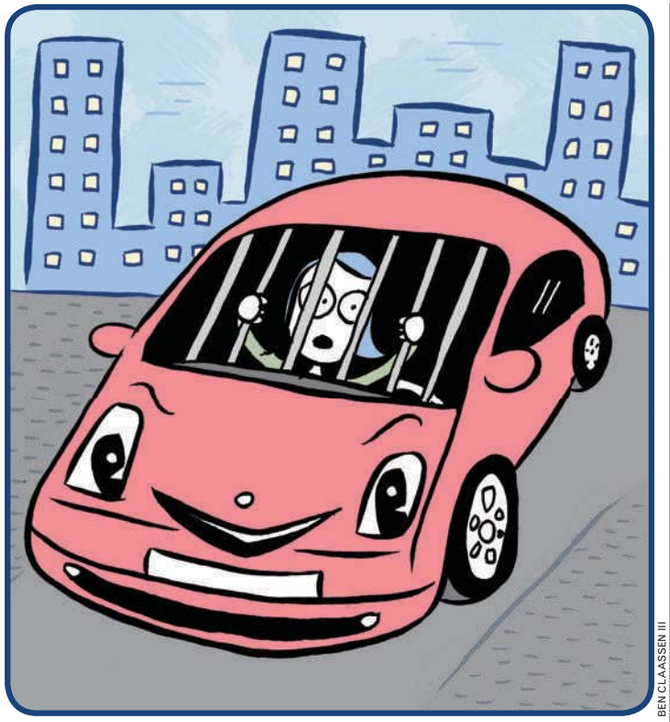

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Car Troubled

My husband and I had talked about it for years. We knew it was something we'd probably do eventually, even though it might mean a big change in our lifestyle. All of our friends had been doing it, and although they sometimes complained about how much work it was and how expensive it could be, they seemed happy with their decision. So we took the plunge, and two weeks ago we bought a car.

The addition to our family is shiny and comfortable, and has that intoxicating new-car scent. It's even a hybrid. I think I'm supposed to be proud of our purchase, my first-ever car, but it's just freaking me out. I've always defined myself as a public transportation whiz who can get anywhere with a fare card and my own two feet. Now that I have this new key, who am I?

Before my identity crisis could get out of hand, I turned to Dr. Andrea Bonior, the psychologist who writes the "Baggage Check" column every Tuesday in Express. Her advice? "Abandon the all-or-nothing thinking. It's a false dichotomy that you're either a car person or not."

She suggested I think about what I've enjoyed most about not owning a car, and try to keep those qualities alive. "Maybe it's feeling financially savvy. You can cobble together bus rides that will be cheaper than the gas you'd be buying," she said. Maybe it's being physically active, or being more environmentally friendly, she added. The car doesn't negate those, especially if we keep it parked when we don't really need it.

By Vicky Hallett

I can prevent myself from taking the car for granted, she said, by capping the number of drives I take a month or the amount I spend on gas. "There's a spectrum. This is not black-and-white," she said. "You can be a public transportation-focused person with a car and feel like you're still doing better than most of the population."

With that, she touched on what's probably my real hang-up. In the same way that people who drive flashy convertibles and tricked-out SUVs feel superior to everyone else on the road, not having a car made me feel superior. What the good doctor wants me to recognize is that cars are really just hunks of metal designed to get you from place to place.

And having one will probably make my life easier in the long run. Although that will require actually driving the thing — and facing my fears of denting it. Hopefully, Dr. Andrea will be available for a few more sessions.

Car Chargers Open at National Airport

Transit

Electric charging stations have arrived at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. There are four stations running, each of which can handle two vehicles at a time.

They are on the lowest level of Daily Garage B and are reserved for electric vehicles.

There's no fee to use the stations, but you still have to pay the normal rate to get out of the garage.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, which operates National and Dulles International airports, opened four charging stations at Dulles last month. The new stations at National Airport, like the stations at Dulles, have two types of chargers: Level 1, a 120-volt outlet, and Level 2, a 240-volt connector. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Local

In Brief

COLLEGE PARK, MD.

UMUC President Resigns After Unexplained Leave

Aldridge

One month after she was placed on leave for reasons that have yet to be disclosed, Susan Aldridge has resigned as president of the University of Maryland University College after six years. Aldridge's resignation was announced Thursday in an email from the chancellor of the state university system. The statement does not give any further reasons for her resignation or her leave. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Vigil for Slain Fla. Teen Set for Freedom Plaza

Demonstrators are expected to gather in D.C. this week to rally for Trayvon Martin, an unarmed teenager who was fatally shot by a neighborhood watch captain in Florida last month. The "Stand Up for Trayvon Justice Rally" will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Freedom Plaza, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Organizers are asking participants to wear a hoodie to reflect what Martin was wearing when he was shot. (TWP)

BALTIMORE, MD.

New 667 Md. Area Code Will Launch Saturday

Maryland will soon be getting a new 667 area code. The Public Service Commission has said that the new code is needed because the remaining numbers in the 410 and 443 area codes were expected to be exhausted by early this year. The 667 area code will be launched on Saturday. The area code is expected to create an additional 8 million numbers. (AP)

Va. Senate Budget Standoff Ends

Shutdown may still come through House spending stalemate

Richmond, Va.

Virginia's partisan budget standoff came to a close Thursday, the second day into a special General Assembly session, as Republicans and Democrats on a Senate committee unanimously agreed to shift tens of millions of dollars toward schools, Medicare and toll relief, and to borrow $300 million more for the Metro-to-Dulles rail project.

The Senate Finance Committee passed a two-year, $85 billion spending plan that devotes extra funding to Democratic priorities one day after Democrats said publicly that they had separated their demand for more representation on Senate committees from the budget process.

The full Senate is expected to reconvene Monday to vote on the plan.

It is expected to clear the Senate and be rejected on Tuesday in the more conservative House.

It would then move to a conference committee, where negotiators from both parties and both chambers would try to come to an agreement.

Democrats, who had taken some heat for holding up the budget, quickly declared victory.

"Three-hundred million for Phase II!" declared Sen. Janet D. Howell, D-Fairfax, referring to the Dulles rail funding, which would not come from general funds but budget language raising Virginia's bond authorization.

Agreement on the Senate committee does not, in itself, guarantee swift passage of a state budget. To avert a shutdown, differences between that spending plan and the one passed by the House will have to be worked out in a conference committee before the fiscal year begins July 1.

LAURA VOZZELLA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Officially in the Race

Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli says that he filed Thursday with the State Board of Elections to formally establish a committee to run for governor. The Republican says he'll work to strengthen the economy, preserve citizens' liberty and promote more efficient government. (AP)

Birds Help Md. Man Find His Calling

LINDA DAVIDSON/TWP

RODNEY STOTTS WAS A DRUG DEALER IN D.C. before he got a job working along the Anacostia River as a licensed falconer. Now he's employed at the Earth Conservation Corp, an environmental group for at-risk kids that works with falcons, hawks, eagles and owls, and he uses his passion for the birds of prey to help youth find meaning in their lives. Here, Stotts takes out his red tail hawk named "Tink" to practice at his home in Ft. Washington, Md., March 9. | **postlocal.com**

Pregnant D.C. Woman Stabbed, Baby Dies

Washington

The unborn baby of a pregnant woman who was stabbed in the stomach early Thursday in Southeast has died, police said.

The Special Victims Unit is investigating the attack, which took place about 2:30 a.m. in the 4200 block of 9th Street SE. Police said the woman was eight months pregnant.

Officials have not released a description of the suspect. It is unclear if the woman knew her attacker, though police say there were no apparent signs of forced entry in the building where she was stabbed. The unborn baby, identified as Kuron Rashad Hunt, was delivered and later pronounced dead.

Police are offering a reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the attacker. The police tip line is 202-727-9099.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Thursday, March 22

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	3-7-8
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-6-4
Mid-day Pick 4	7-8-2-5
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	9-2-4-0
Match 5 (Wed.)	7-25-28-36-38 (10)
Multi-Match (Mon.)	14-16-25-31-32-42

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	4-2-5
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	8-9-5
Mid-day DC 4	2-1-6-7
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	4-4-1-4
Mid-day D.C. Five	1-8-0-2-7
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	7-1-5-7-8
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	4-14-21-30-33 (7)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	1-4-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	4-3-8
Mid-day Pick 4	4-7-2-9
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-0-6-2
Mid-day Cash 5	1-5-12-25-26
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	6-13-19-21-24
Win For Life (Wed.)	6-9-13-18-28-38 (10)

Multi-State Games

Power Play	32-43-53-55-56
Powerball	6

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

Cover Story

SPIN CITY

As more commuters in D.C. reach for bikes, concerns rise over rider safety

Washington

Faced with a frustrating Metro ride or the cost of a taxi trip during rush hour, Cameron Tabucchi instead opted for a two-wheeled commute across town. The 27-year-old pulled a bright red bike off the rack at Park Road and Holmead Place NW on her way to Adams Morgan. Tabucchi said she feels safe using Capital Bikeshare for her usual trek to yoga class — most of the time.

The native Californian has been "doored" — struck by an opening car door while bicycling — twice since moving to Petworth just over a year ago.

"Drivers aren't as conscious here as they are in other cities," she said before pedaling away, helmet-free.

By some indicators, it's never been a better time to travel by bike. Gas prices are soaring, spring rolled in and the District is already one of the most active cities in the country, second in biking and walking only to Boston, according to the Alliance for Biking and Walking.

But there's a downside to the region's growing cyclist population: Authorities and advocates alike are struggling to keep up with a crowd of riders whose skills range from expert to novice in an already congested city.

According to rush-hour counts conducted in 20 intersections throughout the city each year by the District Department of Transportation, bike traffic during those peak times surged an average of 20.7 percent from 2010 to 2011, with 7,113 total bikes moving through those intersections. Nearly 25 percent of those riders weren't wearing helmets, according to count data.

A chunk of the District's growing user group comes from Capital Bikeshare, a regional rental system opened by D.C. and Arlington County in September 2010. By January of this year, it had mushroomed into a 1,200-bike, 140-station system. Compared with overall ridership, the number of collisions reported by Bikeshare users is small, but evidence suggests that the problem is much bigger: Police have logged 829 reports of collisions by bicycle riders in the District in that same time frame.

Data collected by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association also indicate that some crashes go unreported to authorities, bike ambassador coordinator Daniel Hoagland said.

Hoagland admits a significant challenge of bike advocacy is trying to encourage all cyclists to familiarize themselves with a common set of rules. WABA's 61 volunteer bike ambassadors are approaching their "busy season," Hoagland said, and are hoping to hold enough classes to draw 15,000 people for the group's "Bike to Work Day" in May.

But bike advocates say more can be done to make biking a safer mode of travel; in short, they want more funding for bike paths, lanes, walkways and pedestrian bridges in cities across the U.S. Bicyclists attending the National Bike Summit this week will lobby for what they see as a lack of funding.

"Our goal is equity across mode of transportation," Hoagland said. "Equal share of the roadway for every type of user." KATIE ROGERS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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The number of collisions reported by people using Capital Bikeshare since the system launched in September 2010, a small number when considering that 93,082 Bikeshare trips were taken in the District in January alone. (TWP)

Learning the Laws

Bicycle advocates met with the District's Police Complaint Board in September to voice concern over police knowledge of the city's bicycle laws, though activists say there is still progress to be made. A cyclist on a Bikeshare bike during morning rush hour on Feb. 28, for example, was issued three citations — but one of them, biking without a helmet, doesn't exist in D.C. law for people older than 16. The ticket was withdrawn, police spokeswoman Gwendolyn Crump said. To help ensure that riders of all wheel counts are on the same page, area police will begin a spring Street Smart campaign this week across the region. The program is geared to enforcing safe bicycling and driving. (TWP)

KAREN BLEIER/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

More Bikeshare Coming Soon

A key reason the Capital Bikeshare program has flourished in the District and Arlington has been the expansion of bike lanes and bike-related improvements to encourage cycling. By summertime, the bikes should be rolling through the streets of Rockville and Alexandria as the program expands into several outer Washington communities. If grant applications come through, they might also appear in the inner-ring areas of Bethesda, Silver Spring, Takoma Park, Friendship Heights and Forest Glen. The development of White Flint and Wheaton make those neighborhoods likely candidates as well. (TWP)

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Capitals' star Alex Ovechkin seems to be heating up late in the regular season.

Friday

7 P.M. The Caps face off against the Winnipeg Jets in a crucial game. CSN
7 P.M. Baylor plays Xavier and Kentucky takes on Indiana in the South regional finals of the men's NCAA Tournament. CBS
7:47 P.M. In the Midwest region's Sweet 16 games, North Carolina plays Ohio and Kansas faces N.C. State. TBS

Saturday

NOON In the women's NCAA Tournament, Tennessee plays Kansas and No. Baylor meets Georgia Tech. ESPN
4 P.M. The regional finals will determine the first half of the men's Final Four. CBS
7 P.M. The Wizards host the Atlanta Hawks. CSN
9 P.M. Duke plays St. John's and Stanford plays South Carolina. ESPN2
10 P.M. D.C. United visits the Vancouver Whitecaps. CSN

Sunday

NOON Maryland plays Texas A&M in the women's Sweet 16, followed by Notre Dame-St. Bonaventure, Connecticut-Penn State and Kentucky-Gonzaga. ESPN, ESPN2
2 P.M. The men's Final Four is rounded out. CBS
5 P.M. The Capitals host the Minnesota Wild. NBCSN
6 P.M. The Wizards visit the Boston Celtics. CSN

GAIL BURTON/AP

Maryland coach Brenda Frese cheers as the Terrapins beat Louisville on Monday night.

Sweet Spot

Terps feel good about their position entering the regional semifinals

Terps Women's Hoops

Perhaps the most encouraging thing about the victory that sent the Terrapins to the Sweet 16 is this: Alyssa Thomas didn't play so well.

The ACC's player of the year — the conference tournament MVP and, by most measures, the engine that drives Maryland's team — missed seven of her 10 shots and all her free throws, while mired in foul trouble much of the game.

And yet when the buzzer sounded, Maryland players pumped fists and leapt into each other's arms. Coach Brenda Frese soaked in the handshakes and hugs that followed Monday's win over Louisville.

Why?

Because sophomore Laurin Mincy scored 24 points and junior Tianna Hawkins added 15 to go with 14 rebounds.

It was enough to win on a night when Thomas scored just six points, barely a third of her season average. And it showed why No. 2 seed Maryland (30-4) feels especially confident entering Sunday's regional semifinal against No. 3 seed Texas A&M (24-10) in Raleigh, N.C.

"Laurin loves playing — the bigger the game, the bigger she plays," Frese said. "She's taken her game to a whole new level, which speaks volumes of Laurin in terms of her competitiveness, her fire and the fact that she wants to continue playing in this tournament."

In Thomas' 33 games — she missed a January loss to Virginia Tech with a thumb injury — she scored in single digits only four times (and the Terrapins won all four of those games).

"We never flinched. ... We kept battling," Frese said Monday. "That is what this team has done all season long."

Texas A&M, obscured in the Big 12 by the long shadow cast by undefeated Baylor, advanced to the Sweet 16 with a rout of Albany and a two-point victory over Arkansas. The Aggies are balanced, with four players averaging in double figures but only one, senior Tyra White, scoring more than 13 points per game.

Maryland's approach won't change. It's a simple one, Mincy said: "Attack and advance." DEREK TURNER

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Game: Sunday, noon. ESPN

The Skinny: The defending national champions are quietly back in the regionals. They survived a tough test from Arkansas in the second round. Adaora Elonu tied a career-high with 23 points in that game as Tyra White and Kelsey Bone were held in check. Adrienne Pratcher passed over 100 assists this season for the first time in her career. (AP)

Going South(paw)

Maryland's Alyssa Thomas is among an unusually high number of left-handed stars — including Skylar Diggins, Odyssey Sims and Tiffany Hayes — in this year's women's NCAA Tournament. But the Terps star wasn't always a southpaw. Growing up, she was a righty until the day she saw her older cousin play basketball. He was a left-hander. "I saw the light," Thomas said, laughing. "When I was young I saw him play and I really wanted to be like him, so I started doing everything with my left hand." It's paid off for the Maryland sophomore, who was honored as the ACC player of the year after averaging 17.1 points. (AP)

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Indiana's Turning Point

Hoosiers' resurgence began with stunning win over No. 1 Wildcats

Men's College Hoops

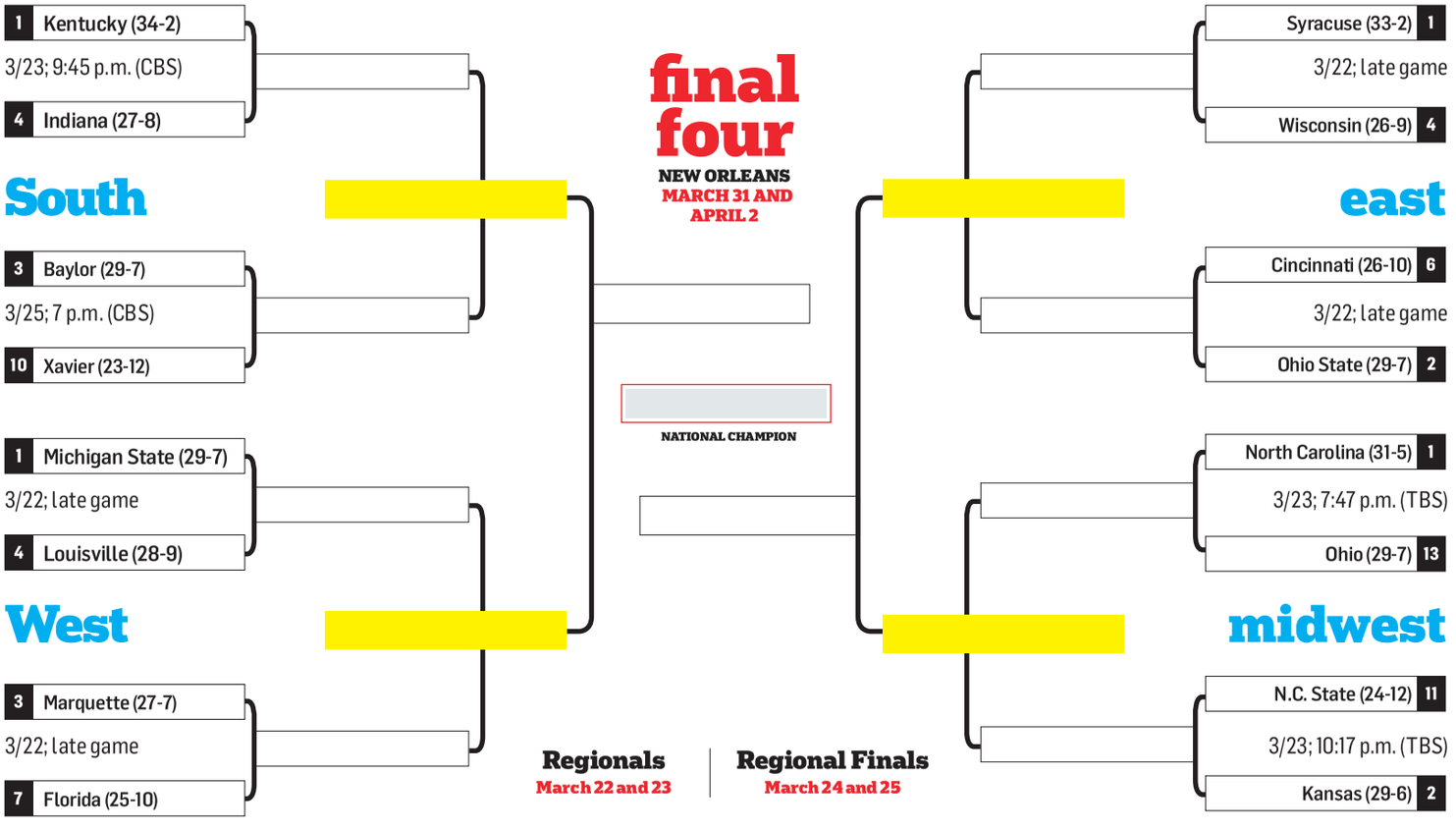
Christian Watford has seen the replay of his buzzer-beating shot dozens of times over the past four months.

Like other big moments in Hoosiers history — the five national championships, the undefeated season, Keith Smart's winner in the 1987 title game — the image of Watford knocking down a 3-pointer in front of his own bench to beat No. 1 Kentucky 73-72 is one of those moments that will be frozen in the mind of every Indiana fan. Everyone, that is, except perhaps the nonchalant 6-foot-9 junior who actually made the shot. "It's kind of over with now," Watford said Tuesday. "We've just got to move forward."

In Bloomington, moving forward means hanging banners. If the Hoosiers can beat Kentucky again in Friday night's South Regional semifinal, the Hoosiers (27-8) will suddenly be within one victory of making a surprising addition to the rafters. But without Watford's shot in December, none of this may have been possible. The victory provided more than a morale boost or a learning experience. It also cemented Indiana's resurgence after an 8-0 start against lesser programs.

"A lot of people didn't think we were very good then," Watford said. "Once we got that win, things changed." (AP)

March Madness: The Sweet 16



Friday's Match-ups

BAYLOR VS. XAVIER
Baylor and its highlighter-yellow uniforms are in the round of 16 thanks to the nine 3-pointers made by Brady Heslip, above, against Colorado. Xavier, which is in the regional semifinals for the fourth time in five years, is looking to be the first team outside the Big 12 to beat the Bears.

KENTUCKY VS. INDIANA
Kentucky gets another crack at the Hoosiers, who beat them on a last-second 3-pointer by Christian Watford, above, in December. Indiana reached the NCAA Tournament's round of 16 for the first time in a decade, and has its highest win total (31) since the 1992-93 season.

NORTH CAROLINA VS. OHIO
If UNC point guard Kendall Marshall, above, who broke his wrist Sunday, can't play, his job would fall to freshman Stilman White and senior Justin Watts. Ohio is the seventh team seeded No. 13 or higher to advance to the Sweet 16 and the first since No. 13 Bradley did it in 2006.

KANSAS VS. N.C. STATE
This was the third time that Kansas, which won twice in Omaha last weekend, opened an NCAA Tournament in Nebraska. Both times before it was the start of a title run. N.C. State, led by Lorenzo Brown, above, earned their first trip to the round of 16 since 2005 by defeating Georgetown. (AP)

Potential Wizards?

Remaining stars in the NCAA Tournament could be a good fit for D.C.'s pro hoops teams

Anthony Davis PF, KENTUCKY
The lengthy shot blocker with go-go gadget arms has defended his way into being the consensus No. 1 overall pick—assuming Davis follows the path of recent freshmen under John Calipari and enters the draft after one season. At 6-foot-11, he has the size to contend inside while sporting the agility to handle perimeter duties on both ends of the court. Though raw offensively, Davis averages 14.3 points, shoots 63.6 percent from the field and can stick the 15-foot jumper for the top seeds in the South.

Harrison Barnes
SF, NORTH CAROLINA
The prolific 6-foot-8 bomber, who averages 17.2 points, knocks down 38 percent of his 3-point attempts for the top seed in the Midwest. He took fewer shots from beyond the arc as a sophomore while upping his efficiency and getting to the free throw with greater regularity.

Michael Kidd-Gilchrist
SF, KENTUCKY
An assertive, Andre Iguodala-esque player who gets after it on the defensive end, but still finds time to score 11.5 points per game. Various draft sites project Kidd-Gilchrist as a top-five pick, but the freshman claims he's sticking around Lexington for a while.

John Henson
PF, NORTH CAROLINA
The 6-foot-11 Henson has steadily improved his post-game during his three seasons at Chapel Hill, but has considerable room to grow. He averaged 10 rebounds and shot 50 percent from the field in consecutive seasons and increased his per-game scoring to 13.8 points this year.

Perry Jones
PF, BAYLOR
There's plenty to be wary of in this big man. The 6-foot-11 sophomore has the tools scouts fall in love with but lacks the motor of a player who loves to compete. He averages 13.4 points and 7.7 rebounds, but scored only nine points in the Bears' first two NCAA games. BENJAMIN STANDIG

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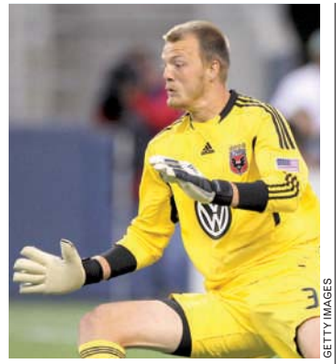
"It's almost been good that Bill has been gone in the preseason," D.C. coach Ben Olsen said. "[Willis has] gotten some looks being the first-team goalie. Joe will be fine. He'll relish this opportunity."

The 6-foot-5 Willis single-handedly kept D.C. in its 3-1 loss to the Los Angeles Galaxy on Sunday, coming up with three top-class saves to rob the Galaxy of what appeared to be sure goals.

"His size and his presence in the box is very good," said D.C. goalkeeper coach Pat Onstad, a longtime MLS standout. "He's mature beyond his years the way he commands his box, and I think that's one of his strengths."

This weekend, Willis will face the Vancouver Whitecaps. In his three starts during his rookie season last year, Willis had his best performance against the Whitecaps, making five saves and earning the clean sheet as part of a 4-0 D.C. rout. Performances like that and the one he had last weekend only increase his exposure and value.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Joe Willis will get the start for D.C. United on Saturday night in Vancouver.

With Hamid gaining attention from European clubs and Willis continuing to emerge, he could prove to be a fitting heir to Hamid's throne should the local product be sold or pique the trade interest of a keeper-needy team.

"There's definitely some responsibility on my shoulders now, and I'm excited about it. I'm ready," Willis said. AVI CREDITOR

Caps' Fortunes May Hinge on Homestand

Washington remains in the hunt for a spot in the NHL playoffs

The Capitals

With just two weeks left in the NHL's regular season, the Capitals remain in the Eastern Conference's playoff race, having somehow survived a spotty power play, a coaching change and the underperformance of superstar players.

Where other teams might have fallen off and out, the Capitals hover at eighth place and have been jumping back and forth with the Florida Panthers for the Southeast Division lead (and a No. 3 seed in the conference).

An upcoming three-game homestand could provide the Caps some security as they head into the final week of games and try to lock up a playoff spot. REED S. ALBERS

Fri. Winnipeg Jets

SEASON SERIES: WINNIPEG LEADS 3-2

Winnipeg has been one of the peskier teams the Caps have had to deal with this season. Just when it seems the Jets will fall out of the playoff picture, they come charging back at the Caps' expense. As of Thursday, As of Thursday, Winnipeg (with 76 points) was on the verge of falling behind again, and a Caps win would keep the Jets out of reach.

Sun. Minnesota Wild

SEASON SERIES: NO GAMES PLAYED

The Minnesota Wild are nearly eliminated from the Western Conference playoff picture, and this is the Caps' last interconference game of the season. Two points against a struggling team that doesn't have a postseason to play for could help the Caps catch up to the seventh-place Ottawa Senators (84 points as of Thursday).

Tue. Buffalo Sabres

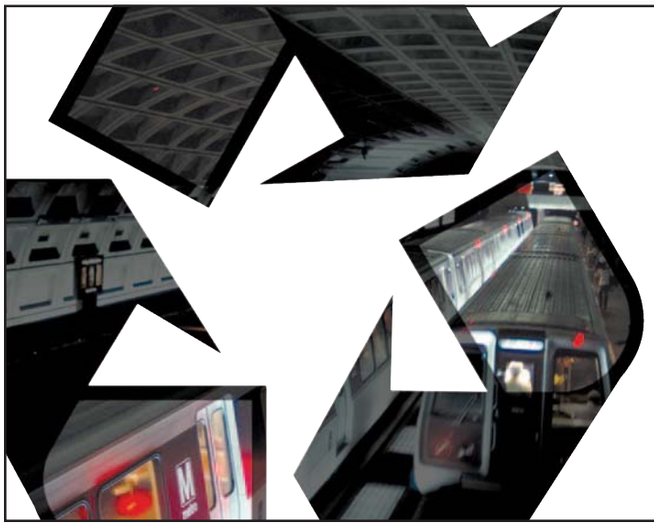
SEASON SERIES: BUFFALO LEADS 2-1

Despite being an up-and-down team, the Sabres — who were tied with Washington in the standings as of Thursday — have been spot-on when playing the Caps this year. A Caps' win could put the Sabres in a hole before Buffalo faces the daunting task of playing the Pittsburgh Penguins, Philadelphia Flyers and Boston Bruins in one week. R.A.

GOODBYES

Chipper to Retire

With his 40th birthday approaching, Chipper Jones announced Thursday he will retire after one more season with the Braves. The third baseman, who has spent his entire 18-year career with Atlanta, has battled injuries the past several seasons and actually decided to retire in 2010, only to change his mind. This time, he means it. The team issued a statement before its spring training game in Kissimmee, Fla. (AP)



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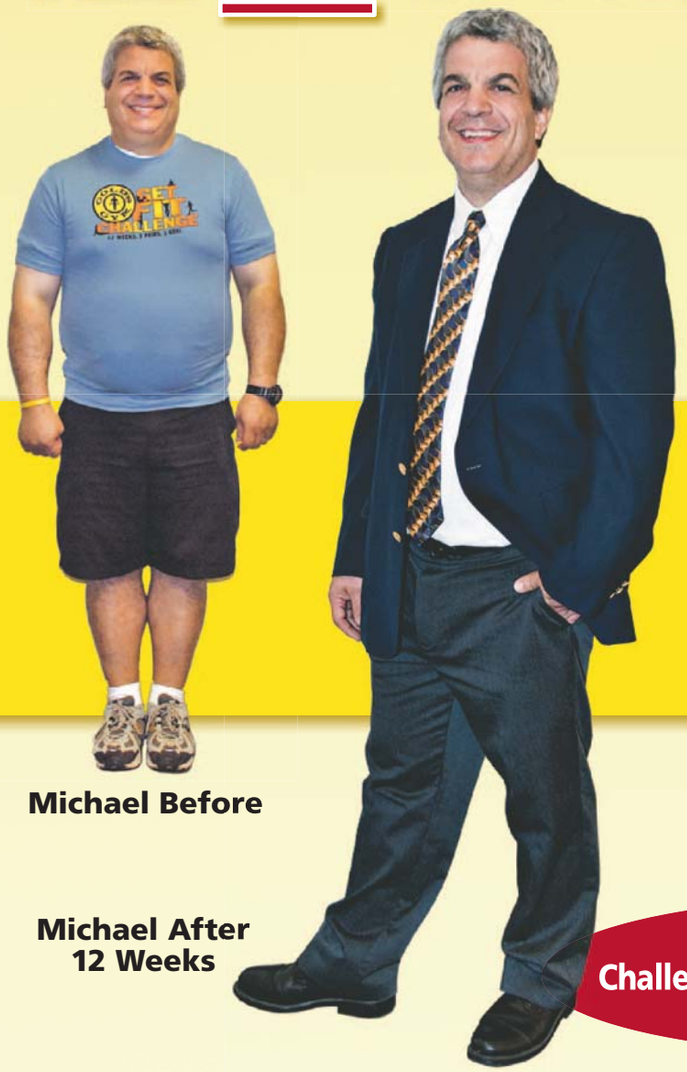

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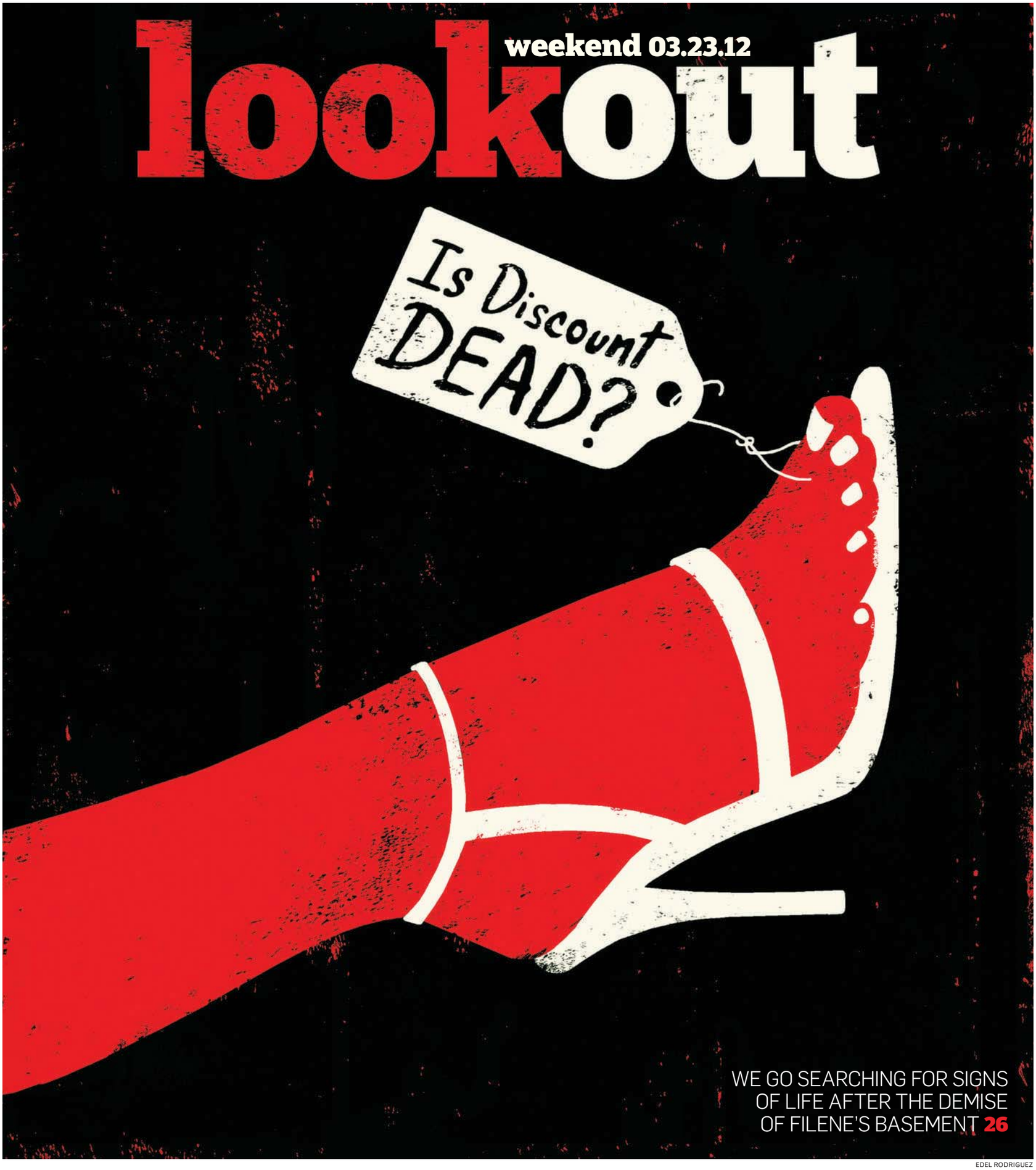

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Since she started her body-friendly womenswear line in 1985, Donna Karan has been a major multitasker, spinning off diffusion lines (DKNY), perfumes and even bedding. These days, the design power is also deeply involved in helping Haitian artisans rebuild after the country's 2010 earthquake. The philanthropist-designer's spring 2012 collection (sold locally at Neiman Marcus) takes its cues from the work of Haitian painter Philippe Dodard.

What inspired your spring collection?
I've been spending a major amount of my time in Haiti. Preservation of cultures is so much of what I'm about. People ask me where I get my inspiration, and I always say, "Traveling the world."

How do the Haitian people inspire you?
Every person there is artistic. There is so much creativity, and they work from their soul and spirit. I don't know many designers who aren't inspired by the world. My first trip to Africa was a rebirth. That's what brought me to Haiti: I got Africa 3 1/2 hours away.

How do you balance charity and design?
You can't separate them. I can't just dress people on the outside, I dress their insides. You can wear all the pretty clothes in the world, but if you don't feel good on the inside, the soul isn't there.

Hasn't that always been an overriding theme of your clothes?
Yes. My clothes, by their nature, are inspired by yoga and what women need. It all started with the bodysuit.

You took over at Anne Klein at 25 years old. How did you do such a big job at such a young age?
I grew up in fashion. But honestly, I didn't want to be a fashion designer. I just wanted to be a mother and to stay at home. But that's not what the universe had planned for me.

> **"You can wear all the pretty clothes in the world, but if you don't feel good on the inside, the soul isn't there."**

What type of woman do you dress?
Women who are on the go have to be prepared for anything. They need clothes to make them feel good and give them confidence.

What's the key to comfortable but chic clothes, then?
For me, the methodology of my clothes is that, if you can't sleep in it and go out in it, I don't want it.

Of all your travels, what places continuously inspire you?
Bali has always been my inspiration. It's the answer to a lot of the world's problems. It's been able to preserve its culture. The artisans create products, and it has a spirit that takes you on a journey.

When you travel, what can't you live without?
A scarf. And I need a mug. If I don't have one with me, I buy one at the airport. I think I might have one from every city I've visited.

KATHERINE BOYLE (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | Vintage Finds at Redeem

Mutany, the charming found-object pop-up shop curated by local artist M.Gert Barkovic, returns for a "pioneer"-themed iteration at Redeem Sat. (1734 14th St. NW; 202-332-7447). Swill whiskey while you shop and bop to Bison, a Chesapeake, Va.., folk-rock band whose song "Switzerland" had us at the very first note.

goods lookout

1 Mouse to Monaco

KNOWN FOR ITS CLASSY, Nantucket-meets-NoHo chic, Club Monaco jilted us when it closed its Georgetown location (a Fashion Centre at Pentagon City store remains open). But starting March 26, women and men can score the brand's urbane one-shoulder cocktail frocks (shown, $200), crisp pants and well-made shirts at a new e-commerce shop (Clubmonaco.com), no hitting the Orange or Blue lines required.

Grab Bag

2 A Brine Time

THE SALTY-SWEET BITE OF D.C.-made Gordy's Pickle Jar's Sweet Chips ($10, multiple area locations, see Gordyspicklejar.com) may wipe the names Heinz and Vlasic from your lips. Other vinegary offerings include Thai Basil pickled jalapenos, pepper-spiked Hot Chili Spears and Sweeter Pepper Relish, any of which would be an acidic foil to a ham sandwich or half smoke.

3 Best Buds

WHO'S PUMPED TO give up any sense of personal space and watch tourists videotape motionless cherry blossoms!? Us neither. That's why we're bringing the buds to us with sprigs from Little Shop of Flowers ($10-$15 each, 2421 18th St. NW; 202-387-7255). Though slightly different than the blossoms you'll see lining the Tidal Basin, these are just as pretty, give off a soft floral scent and stick around for up to two weeks. Which is more than you can say about those visitors.

4 Hair Rasing

YOU EXFOLIATE your face and body, so why not your hair? Aveda's new Invati shampoo ($24, Aveda.com) contains salicylic acid, tumeric and ginseng to deep-cleanse your scalp and hit the "refresh" button on locks. It's gentle enough for daily use, and after a week of testing, our tresses felt fuller and soft, minus the residue some other products leave. Plus, the blend of lavender-, rosemary- and ylang ylang-oil makes it easy on the nose.

5 Small Miracle

YOU CAN STILL BUY a 9-foot long sofa or a concrete dining table that'd seat the Duggar family at Restoration Hardware. But the industrial-cool chain also just launched a collection of not-so-ginormous pieces aimed at those living in non-McMansions. Somewhat shrunken furniture includes steel-top tables for four (shown, $2,700), Swedish-style chairs (shown, $300) and chandeliers sized for cottages, not three-story atriums.

RESTORATION HARDWARE

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

Although the weather has been unseasonably warm of late, I'm worried that it could still take a turn for the cold. It is still March, after all. So, I'm not quite ready to let it all hang out and wear sandals, just yet. What would you recommend as a sort of intermediate shoe? — KELSEY

Manolo says, it is true, we are in the period between the winter slush and the vernal warmth, that strange demi-season — one minute too cold, the next too hot, rain followed by

sunshine followed by hail — when we are virtually guaranteed to leave the house wearing exactly the wrong thing.

Despite this inconvenience, late March should be the period of anticipatory joy; the blooms are loaded into the flowers, and the green fuse is lit. Soon, we will wake up one morning, step outside and be happily stunned by the explosion of new life, by the flowers flowering, the birds birding, and the bees being their wonderfully bee-ish selves.

If there is within us any feeling, we will skip and caper, and sing happy little songs of welcome to the new season. We will be called to remember that we, too, are animals, who have the duty to celebrate the spring. Indeed how can we be dour when nature has put on her finery and is demanding to be acknowledged, like the pretty woman in the flowered dress?

Here is the aptly named Flora from Delman ($250, Zappos.com), the perfect shoe for spring. Fear not the occasional blast of cold, spring is here!

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

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lookout fashion

The Scene Of the Find

Missing name-brand bargains? Our shopping sleuth uncovers some Basement replacements

Even the *thought* of moving on from the discount heaven that was Filene's Basement feels blasphemous. (Those inexpensive jeans! That 70-percent-off Fendi!) But since the iconic chain shut its doors nationwide in January, bargain-mad Washingtonians have had fewer sources for last-season DVF frocks and Pucci umbrellas. So, does the loss mean discount shopping in D.C. is dead?

"Filene's had been plagued by financial problems for some time. I don't think the closing means people have lost interest in discount shopping," says Missy Frederick, retail reporter for the Washington Business Journal. "In fact, these types of retailers have done well in D.C. Plenty of options are still out there."

Ever sale seekers, we hit the pavement in our Prada loafers (scored at 60 percent off, thankyouverymuch) and went undercover to find the most viable replacement for our late, great Filene's. This meant surreptitious scribbles in our reporter's notebook while scouring racks of marked-down clothing. And after stripping down in group fitting rooms and nearly wrestling another shopper to the ground for a Trina Turk blazer, we can confirm that the discount shopping scene in the cap city still has a pulse.

HOLLEY SIMMONS (EXPRESS)

Hey, Sherlock: (More magnifying glasses next to a store means more bargain potential.)

T.J. Maxx

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS, 4350 JENIFER ST. NW; 202-237-7616; 20 OTHER AREA LOCATIONS INCLUDING A METRO CENTER BRANCH OPENING IN APRIL

Brand highlights: After shaking off the bleakness of Ross, the sitch improved at T.J.'s. We spotted Lilly Pulitzer make-up bags for $13 and Cynthia Rowley jackets for $60.

Variety: Is T.J.'s aiming to outfit an entire waitstaff? The repetitive clothing selection suggests so. There was one Willi Smith button-down we saw more than 20 times, and while that makes finding your size a breeze, it also sucks the excitement out of shopping. And what's up with all the Jelly Bellies in the cooking section?

Organization: A woman at checkout told us new merchandise arrives six times a week. And judging by the over-packed racks and jumbled shelves, we believe her.

Best for: Cosmetics. T.J.'s earns beauty marks for impressive offerings like Shiseido skincare, Philosophy bath products and Chi blow dryers.

We bought: Elie Tahari shirt, $40 (originally $88)

Ross Dress for Less

OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA, 112 N. WASHINGTON ST.; ALEXANDRIA, VA.; 703-519-3840; FOUR OTHER AREA LOCATIONS; ROSSTORES.COM

Brand highlights: You'll find the usual chain-gang suspects like Nine West shoes for $33, Calvin Klein dresses for $35 and Betseyville purses starting at $38. The home section is worth a glance: We spotted KitchenAid gadgets and Farberware cookware at 40 percent off.

Variety: Ross is like a restaurant that offers a lot of mediocre options when it should really just focus on being good at, say, frying chicken. We could have done without the weak hat, jewelry and sunglasses assortment if it meant a more robust clothing selection.

We bought: Fossil sunglasses, $12.99 (originally $35), Jones New York bracelets, $15 (originally $40)

Organization: Merchandise displays sprawl a bit, especially in the shoe section. And at least one straggler from home goods could be found in every department. We're looking at you, spaghetti spoon amid the slingbacks.

Best for: Sigh, nothing much. Aside from a collection of hampers large enough to outfit a frat house and some shower hooks shaped like Playboy bunnies (who knew?), there wasn't much to see here.

fashion lookout

Marshalls

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, 3100 14TH ST. NW; 202-265-3402; 24 OTHER LOCAL STORES; MARSHALLSONLINE.COM

Brand highlights: There's no shortage of (read: yawn) Max Studio dresses, Michael Stars tees and Ralph Lauren bedding. You'll find the occasional mega-bargain, like a $220 industrial-chic floor lamp on clearance for $44. (But don't bother looking for it because we snagged the last one.)

We bought: Belt, $1 (originally $18)

Variety: T.J. Maxx acquired Marshalls stores back in 1995, which may explain the overlap in stock. Yet one area where Marshalls outshines T.J. Maxx? Housewares. If you need stainless steel pans, Italian glassware or ikat throw pillows in a hurry, you've come to the right place.

Organization: Plan on fighting crowds and waiting in line no matter the time of day. And keep your eyes peeled for those rare but glorious red clearance stickers: They're lurking amongst the racks.

Best for: Shoes. The collection is so impressive you'll wish you were a centipede. That's partially because the C-Heights location boasts a Shoe Mega Shop (check Marshalls.com to find other sole-heavy locations), a much bigger and ritzier version of Marshalls already-notable footwear department.

Nordstrom Rack

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS, 5333 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-697-4100; FIVE OTHER AREA STORES; SHOPNORDSTROM.COM

Brand highlights: You're more likely to snag a sale "unicorn" here — one Rachel Roy blouse, a lonely Diane von Furstenberg wrap dress — than you are at other stores with more coherent collections. Just pray those polka-dot Marc Jacobs shorts come in your size.

Variety: Expect the same departments you'd find at Nordstrom's: Savvy for edgier style seekers; Individualist for fashion-forward work wear; and t.b.d. for affordable trends. There are also shoes, intimates, bedding and luggage from the likes of Kenneth Cole for 40 percent off.

We bought: Trina Turk blazer, $85 (originally $368) and Born shoes, $59 (originally $95)

Organization: If you enjoy the thrill of the hunt, consider Nordstrom Rack your sartorial Moby Dick. We found a silk Kate Spade New York pencil skirt sandwiched between a sports bra and yoga pants in the active-wear section.

Best for: Accessories. Glittery fashion jewelry from Betsey Johnson, leather totes from Michael Kohrs, sunglasses from Prada and vibrant Moschino scarves at up to 40 percent off had us dreaming up thousands of street-style outfits.

Loehmann's

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS, 5333 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-362-4733

Brand highlights: Though it's slimmed down over the years, Loehmann's Back Room section still teems with high-end style steals. On a quick browse, we spotted a $750 Missoni sweater slashed to $224, a $1,225 Valentino blazer for just $260 and a $1,250 Love Moschino dress for — wow! — $94.

Variety: While Loehmann's doesn't sell home goods, the designer clothing selection makes up for it. And if you're more roll-out-of-bed than Rodarte, you'll still find Splendid tees alongside Badgley Mischka gowns.

Organization: Because it's aboveground, the store proves a sunny and a pleasurable spot to wile away an afternoon. Shoes are displayed at eye-level and clearance racks are organized per department for a seamless shopping experience.

Best for: Everything. Ms. Loehmann, in this light, we'd swear you were our lost love, Lady Filene. The discounts on designer clothing are so steep they elicit eye rubs, and if you manage to leave without making a purchase, chances are you weren't looking very hard.

We bought: Fragile pants, $60 (originally $108)

"I don't think [Filene's] closing means people have lost interest in discount shopping. ... Plenty of options are still out there."

— **MISSY FREDERICK,** RETAIL REPORTER FOR THE WASHINGTON BUSINESS JOURNAL

GET SMART: TIPS TO NAB THE BEST DEAL

Imperfections
If you notice a garment has a button missing or a discreet pen mark, it never hurts to ask for a little extra off the final price: The savings might be enough to cover the cost of fixing it.

Custom Tailoring
The good news: You found a Rachel Comey dress for $50. The bad news: It's two sizes too big. Don't let a missized item discourage you — it's nothing a skilled tailor can't fix.

Plan Your Attack
Start your bargain-hunting by the clearance signs. Not only will you have first dibs on the fast-moving merch, but you'll have the energy to go through the racks like a fine-tooth comb.

Rewards Programs
Nordstrom Rack and Loehmann's offer credit cards and free frequent-shopper benefits, such as discounts on your birthday, complimentary tailoring and coupons sent sporadically throughout the year.

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The Reelist

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'Games' Changer

I don't know why it's a continual surprise to me that Woody Harrelson can act. He's been nominated for an Academy Award twice (for "The People vs. Larry Flynt" and "The Messenger"). I've liked him in a number of films. But it's in "The Hunger Games" (out Friday, in case you haven't heard) that Harrelson has finally seared himself into my brain as one of the best actors working today.

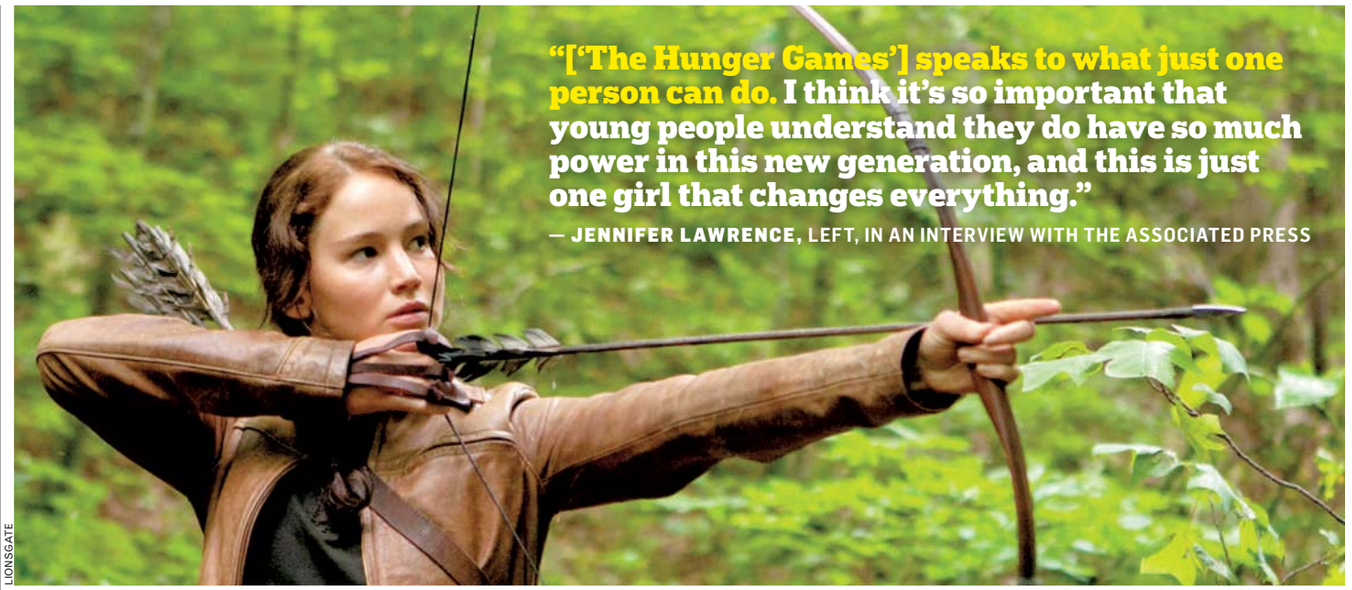
By Kristen Page-Kirby

He plays Haymitch, a past winner of the lethal Games who mentors "tributes" Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence) and Peeta (Josh Hutcherson). He's the only survivor from his district, meaning he has spent every year since his win taking kids from his hometown and trying to help them not die. Unsuccessfully. Every time. That's never said explicitly in the film, but you see it weighing on Harrelson's shoulders in every scene.

There's one moment in particular when Haymitch watches two children of the Capitol (the Capitol's children are exempt from the Games) play-fight one another. The look on his face — the pain and disgust and regret — as he watches two children simulating the hell they've been spared and relishing in a privilege they did nothing to earn is the image from the film I cannot shake.

In five seconds he created a moment that says so much — and he did it without saying a word.

@ Read Kristen's previous columns at: **expressnightout.com/thereelist**



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"['The Hunger Games'] speaks to what just one person can do. I think it's so important that young people understand they do have so much power in this new generation, and this is just one girl that changes everything."

— JENNIFER LAWRENCE, LEFT, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hungry for More

'The Hunger Games' should satisfy fans of the book, but newbies might be left empty

Film Review

Like the documentaries "Kony 2012" and "Bully," the grim speculative fantasy "The Hunger Games" has been a Web sensation in recent weeks, garnering the kind of buzz and advance ticket sales that make the most cynical Hollywood studio suit giggle like a schoolgirl.

And, like "Kony" and "Bully," this adaptation of the hit young adult novel centers on grievous violence and children, who in author Suzanne Collins' post-apocalyptic future are subjected to an annual ritual wherein they murder each other as part of a reality show.

That perverse dystopia is brought faithfully, if unspectacularly, to life by director Gary Ross in "The Hunger Games," which hews to the most important contours of Collins' book, the first of a trilogy. If the series' legions of fans miss a detail here or a subplot there, they'll still recognize its bones and sinew, especially in Jennifer Lawrence's eagle-eyed heroine Katniss Everdeen, who combines the unapologetic aggression of Artemis with the girlier wish-fulfillment fantasies of a bemused Cinderella.

The Hunger Games — a cross between the Olympics, Outward Bound and "Survivor" — have been instituted by the leaders of a country called Panem, in order to keep down a restive populace. After randomly plucking a boy and a girl from each of the federation's districts, a shadowy government-entertainment complex subjects them to a kill-or-be-killed group hunt from which only one victor can emerge.

Liam Hemsworth appears in a few scenes as Katniss' best friend, Gale, and Josh Hutcherson does a terrific job of playing Katniss' lovelorn co-competitor Peeta. But once they enter the vast "Truman Show"-esque arena, "The Hunger Games" is clearly Lawrence's movie to carry.

As Katniss — a tough loner who embodies the anxieties, obsessions and self-sustaining narratives of the young women who idolize her — Lawrence seems to slip effortlessly into the same persona that made her a star in "Winter's Bone."

As it turns out, Katniss is the ideal heroine for her age — a steely but sympathetic transitional figure between the masochism of Bella Swan and the ferocity of Lisbeth Salander. A deer-stalker dressed in pyrotechnic couture, Katniss symbolizes a new brand of female power: one that entails not just strength, courage and a selective compassion, but also a top-notch stylist.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Hunger Games (PG-13)

- **Director:** Gary Ross
- **Stars:** Jennifer Lawrence, Elizabeth Banks, Woody Harrelson
- **In a Nutshell:** Set in a future where children fight to the death on live television, Katniss Everdeen volunteers to take her younger sister's place for the latest match.

Backstory

The Capitol's Kooky Cast of Characters

The stoic, impassive Katniss threads her way through the Capitol — a Vegas-like hive of callous sophisticates — in "The Hunger Games" with the dubious help of a chaperone named Effie Trinket (Elizabeth Banks, left), whose kooky, fin de siecle style includes white-powdered wigs, candy-colored costumes and rosebud lips, and a mentor named Haymitch Abernathy (Woody Harrelson). Stanley Tucci finds his inner Silvio Berlusconi as the spray-tanned, blue-haired TV host named Caesar. And Katniss' training-cum-makeover is overseen by Cinna, a benevolent fashion consultant played with welcome warmth by Lenny Kravitz. A.H.

In the Shadow of the Son

Israeli film 'Footnote' makes light of a tricky familial dynamic

Film Review

The politics of working in academia are famously complicated. But the Israeli movie "Footnote," an Oscar nominee for best foreign film, throws an additional wrench into an already tricky scenario — contentious familial relations.

Eliezer Shkolnik (Shlomo Bar-Aba) and his son Uriel (Lior Ashkenazi) are professors of Talmudic studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. While Eliezer is an abrupt, humorless man who has spent decades inspecting ancient documents for tiny clues, Uriel is a likable type, a people person who spends his days lecturing and playing racquetball. As charisma trumps intellectual fervor, Uriel's accolades surpass those of his father. This does little to encourage father-son bonding.

This setup could spell tragedy. And yet, writer-director Joseph Cedar infuses his story with whimsical touches and satirical setups in which the family drama feels more akin to "The Royal Tenenbaums" than "Ordinary People." One example: Eliezer's proudest achievement is that his name was mentioned in the footnote of another academic's publication.

Meanwhile, Bar-Aba and Ashkenazi do exceptional work portraying characters who are more varied than they first imply. It's not easy to make Eliezer a sympathetic character, yet Bar-Aba's demonstration of fleeting vulnerability awakens inevitable, if brief, compassion.

Most footnotes don't get a passing glance, but this one proves worthy of careful study. STEPHANIE MERRY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

REN MENDELSON

Shlomo Bar-Aba stars in "Footnote" as Eliezer Shkolnik, a Talmudic studies professor whose son eclipses him in their shared field.

Footnote (PG)

- **Director:** Joseph Cedar
- **Stars:** Shlomo Bar-Aba, Lior Ashkenazi, Aliza Rosen
- **In a Nutshell:** The complex relationship between a father and son who are rival professors in Talmudic studies reaches a new peak when the son is honored for his work.

A Bloodbath With Style

Film Review

What do you get when you send a heavily armed SWAT team into the fortresslike compound of a sadistic drug lord? In the Indonesian action-adventure film "The Raid: Redemption," it's not what you expect.

Well, OK, there is a bloodbath.

But after the initial, de rigueur barrage of back-and-forth gunplay that opens the confrontation between the cops and the thugs, you end up with a bunch of adrenaline-infused, bone-crunching hand-to-hand combat (in the hyper-kinetic style of Indonesian martial arts known as silat).

It's not for everybody. But it is undeniably cinematic and even kind of thrilling — assuming you can stomach the wall of nauseating sound effects generated by repeated blows of feet and fists on flesh.

"The Raid" reunites Welsh director Gareth Evans with his "Merantau" star Iko Uwais, who plays Rama, a cop whose commando unit is brutally attacked and then cornered after its members storm a drug lab. In short order, the good guys' numbers are reduced from 20 to five. After their weapons are knocked out of their hands, those still standing have to punch, kick and claw their way out of the building.

For fans of martial-arts action, it's a sizzling and stylishly served-up order of butt-kicking. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

AKHIRWAN NURHAIDIR

A SWAT team rush turns into a stylish martial-arts battle in "The Raid: Redemption."

The Raid: Redemption (R)

- **Director:** Gareth Evans
- **Stars:** Iko Uwais
- **In a Nutshell:** A SWAT team becomes trapped in a tenement run by a ruthless mobster and his army of killers and thugs.

Now Playing

21 JUMP STREET (R, 100 minutes) The lack of originality or creative ingenuity that "21 Jump Street" symbolizes is addressed head-on early in the film, when a surly police captain played by Ice Cube tells two new recruits that the force has resurrected a defunct program from 30 years ago that sent undercover cops into high schools. The neophytes he's screaming at are Schmidt (Jonah Hill) and Jenko (Channing Tatum), a bumbling nerd and a good-looking dullard, respectively, who were arch-opposites in their high school but have become best buds since going through the police academy. Despite the edginess and vulgarity, the production is suffused by an unmistakable sweetness. "21 Jump Street" might be yet another product of Hollywood's recycling program, but it deserves to be noticed. A.H.

ACT OF VALOR (R, 105 minutes) Military reality and video-game fantasy shake hands and come out fighting in this action flick that stars actual Navy SEALs. The exercises are genuine, and so is the hardware. But the script undermines the sense of authenticity at every turn. The stiffness of the Navy men's performances is less of a problem than the global-conspiracy plot that's about to commence. In Costa Rica, a CIA agent is posing as a doctor while observing an international drug and arms smuggler. Her cover is blown, and she's captured and tortured. Soon, the SEAL team arrives for the rescue. Like most recent action movies, "Act of Valor" is fast, loud and strenuously overedited. The filmmakers successfully conjure a chaotic, you-are-there sensation. Exactly what's happening, however, can be hard to follow. MARK JENKINS

CASA DE MI PADRE (R, 84 minutes) What's the big idea with "Casa de Mi Padre?" Is the joke that Will Ferrell — playing a Mexican version of his signature, slightly dense Everyman — speaks nothing but Spanish (pretty well, too) throughout the film? Or is the movie a parody of how cheesy a cheaply made, south-of-the-border Western can get? It's got to be one or the other, because those are the two hardest-working gags in the film, a deliberately inept spoof of accidentally inept film

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-making. It's perfect for a short clip on Funnyordie.com. Padded out to feature length, with a bunch of other slight and unmemorable laughs, it wears thin. M.O.

DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX (PG, 86 minutes) Like "An Inconvenient Truth" for the 12-and-under crowd, "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" is a cautionary environmental tale with a thin veneer of entertainment on top. Based on Seuss' 1971 picture book, this musical adaptation, in eye-popping 3-D CGI, is undeniably less gloomy than the original. In the hands of co-directors Chris Reynaud and Kyle Balda and co-writers Ken Daurio and Cinco Paul, Seuss' slender though eloquent fable has morphed into something unwieldy and manic. It's simultaneously silly and preachy, with precious room for little fun. "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" is a movie that progressives can feel good about taking their kids to, without actually having a good time. M.O.

JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME (R, 83 minutes) Jeff (Jason Segel), who at 30 is still living with his mother and doing little more than bong hits for a living, receives a phone call from his mom (Susan Sarandon) asking him to go to Home Depot to get some wood glue. That simple task sends Jeff on an errand that will result in all sorts of detours and digressions. A bus ride ends up in a basketball game; a chance meeting with his brother Pat (Ed Helms) ends up in a graveyard and a Hampton Inn — in Jeff's spaced-out mind, it's all leading somehow to the meaning and purpose that has so far eluded him. Seen through one lens, the film can be interpreted as an aimless, easygoing wish-fulfillment fantasy for underachievers everywhere; seen through another, it's a numb, naturalistic group portrait of unresolved grief. A.H.

UNIVERSAL PICTURES

The Once-ler (voice of Ed Helms) and the Lorax take a stroll in a scene from the box office hit, "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax."

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entertainment lookout

JOHN CARTER (PG-13, 137 minutes) Based on Edgar Rice Burroughs' stories, this adaptation gets off to such an incoherent start that it takes almost the entire, interminable running time to catch up. And the trip isn't worth it: Narratively stilted, visually ugly and imaginatively bankrupt, "John Carter" just sits there forcing the audience to sit right along with it. But, OK, if it's a synopsis you want: "John Carter" is nominally about a Civil War veteran who happens upon a dingus that transports him to Mars, where he can jump really high and is taken prisoner and meets a beautiful princess. What's supposed to be a fanciful journey in time and space is unforgivably awful-looking. A.H.

PROJECT X (R, 88 minutes) There are only two good jokes in "Project X," a thin, painfully overlong comedy about an out-of-control party thrown by a trio of high-school losers. One is the "story by" credit given to Michael Bacall. This is funny because there is, almost literally, no story. As for that second joke, it comes halfway into the movie when an adult neighbor attempts to shut down the party and ends up getting Tasered by a 12-year-old who has been hired as a bouncer. That's not the funny part — or, for anyone older than 21, the only truly satisfying moment in the film. That comes when the man gets up and clocks the snot-nosed brat in the face. M.O.

SILENT HOUSE (R, 88 minutes) Likely to disappoint fans of old-school bogeymen as well as aficionados of jokily self-referential meta-horror, "Silent House" might just find an audience that is able to appreciate it for what it is: a scary, yet deep, art-house frightfest. The question is this: Do the words "deep" and "frightfest" even belong in the same sentence? The other question is this: Do you find a hyperventilating, helpless young woman trapped in a dark, secluded house with a crazed, possibly homicidal stalker terrifying or merely annoying? But the similarities with such films as "Halloween" end there. That's because the young woman (Elizabeth Olsen), her stalker and even the "house" of the title are not what you think they are for most of the film. The twist ending will either satisfy you deeply — there's that word again — or tick you off royally. It will make you jump, to be sure, and your heart will beat a little bit faster. But what's truly scariest about the movie takes place not in the body, but in the mind. M.O.

THIS MEANS WAR (PG-13, 96 minutes) This romantic action comedy stars Reese Witherspoon as a woman trying to choose between two handsome suitors. But as this sloppy, scattered, utterly synthetic piece of Hollywood widgetry unspools, it becomes increasingly clear that the romantic tension at play exists mostly between the men in question, played by Chris Pine and Tom Hardy. The fact that "This Means War" is as graceless, lazy and visually incoherent as it is can be laid squarely at the feet of its director, McG. His career at least provides a valuable reminder that the word "hack" didn't always refer to computer monkey-wrenchers. A.H.

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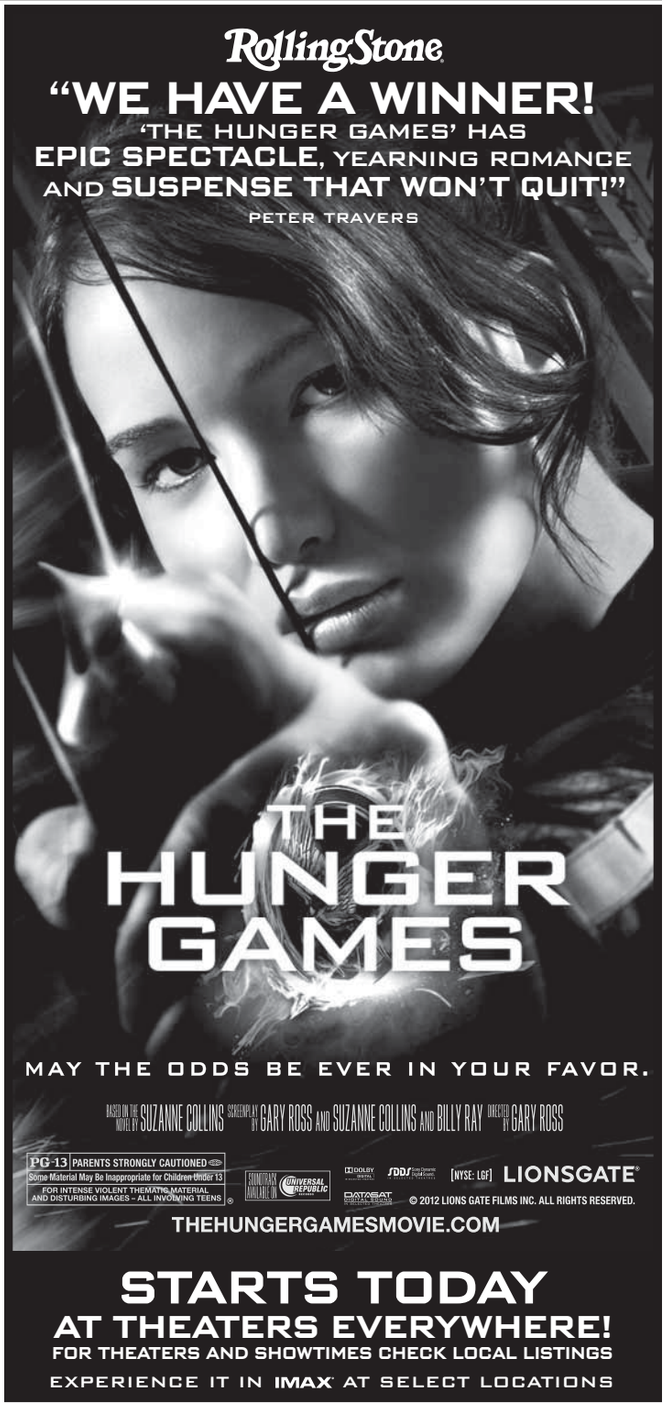
Channing Tatum, left, and Jonah Hill, right, prove to be comedy's next great duo in the "21 Jump Street" reboot.



lookout entertainment

COURTESY FREER/SACKLER

1 In Bloom

There are these trees down by the Jefferson Memorial, and they're kind of a big deal. Kick off the Cherry Blossom Festival at the Japan Spring Opening Day Celebration. There will be Edo period music, cherry blossom origami and a Kabuki demonstration. ***Freer and Sackler Galleries, 1050 Independence Ave. SW; Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m., free; 202-633-4880, Asia.si.edu. (Smithsonian)***

2 Punch Drunk Love

Rum punch isn't snooty enough to get the attention of your average cocktail enthusiast, but to true bartenders, mixing punch is an art. Punch's popularity dates back to colonial America, so it's fitting that D.C.'s best bartenders will gather at Gadsby's Tavern Museum to compete. Tickets are $50 or $100 for a VIP tasting. ***Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria; Sat., 7 p.m., $50-$100, reservations required; 703-746-4242, Alexandriava.gov/gadsbystavern.***

3 Too Big to Fail

Comedian Ralphie May, right, made his name as a contestant on the first season of "Last Comic Standing" way back in 2003. Since then, he's turned a reality show break into a career of touring and talking about his weight struggles. (He appeared on "Celebrity Fit Club" in 2005.) He brings his latest show, "Too Big to Ignore," to D.C. this weekend. ***Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; Fri., 8 p.m., $32.50; 202-994-6800, Lisner.org. (Foggy Bottom)***

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Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Digital Presentation: 9:20-2:00-7:10
John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 1:00-7:40
21 Jump Street (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 9:30-12:20-3:10-6:00-8:50-11:45
John Carter (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 9:50-4:20-10:45
The Artist (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 11:00AM
Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: (!) 9:40-12:10-2:20-4:50-7:30-10:00-12:30
The Raid: Redemption (Serbuan maut) (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: (!) 11:50-2:40-5:30-8:20-11:00
Friends With Kids (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 11:40-2:30-5:15-8:00-10:50
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: (!) 10:30-1:20-4:00-6:45-9:30-12:15
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 11:30-4:40
The Hunger Games: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) Digital Presentation;IMAX: (!) 9:15-12:45-4:15-7:45-11:15
Safe House (R) 1:50
The Hunger Games (PG-13) (!) 10:00-10:50-1:30-2:15-5:00-5:45-8:30-9:15-12:00-12:45
Project X (R) 10:15-12:30-3:00-5:40-8:10-10:40
The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 12:00-3:30-7:00-9:45-10:30
21 Jump Street (R) (!) 10:40-1:40-4:30-7:20-10:15

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The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 12:00-3:30-7:10-10:45

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A Thousand Words (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video: 10:20-12:40-3:00-5:20-7:40-10:00
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Digital Presentation: 10:00-2:30-7:00
John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 10:10-7:20-10:20
21 Jump Street (R) Digital Presentation: 12:00-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30
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The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 9:50-1:00-4:10-7:30-10:45
The Artist (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:10
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:20-4:40-9:15
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 12:10-3:30-6:40-9:50
Act of Valor (R) 9:40

Avalon
5612 Connecticut Avenue www.theavalon.org

Young Goethe in Love (NR) Limited Engagement!: 11:30-4:45
Coriolanus (R) 4 Star Review- Washington Post!: 1:45-7:30
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 11:00-2:00-5:10-8:20

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street NW www.landmarktheatres.com

The Ballad of Genesis and Lady Jaye (NR) 1:45-3:45-5:45-7:45-9:45
The Artist (PG-13) 2:30-7:15
Jiro Dreams of Sushi (PG) 1:30-3:40-5:50-8:00-10:10
A Separation (Jodaeiye Nader az Simin) (PG-13) 2:15-5:15-8:15-11:00
The Iron Lady (PG-13) 4:45-9:30
Fear of a Black Republican (NR) 11:00AM
Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) 1:40-3:40-5:40-7:40-9:40
Friends With Kids (R) 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 1:35-4:15-7:00-9:45
The Raid: Redemption (Serbuan maut) (R) 2:25-5:00-7:30-10:00-12:00
The Room (R) 12:00AM
Gilda (1946) (NR) 12:00AM

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
707 Seventh Street NW www.regalcinemas.com

John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (!) 12:45-7:05
Project X (R) Digital Projection: 1:00-3:15-5:40-8:10-10:35-12:45
21 Jump Street (R) OC-Open Caption: 12:30
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 2:15-6:40-11:10
John Carter (PG-13) 4:00-10:15
Safe House (R) 4:10-7:15-10:05-12:40
Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) 11:50AM
The Hunger Games (PG-13) (!) 10:50-11:30-12:00-12:40-1:20-2:00-2:30-3:00-3:30-3:50-4:20-4:40-5:20-5:50-6:20-7:00-7:20-7:40-8:00-8:40-9:10-9:40-10:10-10:30; (!) 10:50-11:20-12:10-12:30
Act of Valor (R) 1:10
Silent House (R) 11:30-12:40
A Thousand Words (PG-13) 1:50-12:45
Casa de mi Padre (R) 12:20-2:40-4:50-7:10-9:20-11:50
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21 Jump Street (R) 11:40-2:20-3:20-5:00-6:10-7:50-8:50-10:20-11:30

West End Cinema
2301 M Street NW http://westendcinema.com/

Chico & Rita (NR) English Subtitles: 3:00-5:20-7:40-9:50
Declaration of War (La guerre est declaree) (NR) English Subtitles: 2:40-7:20-9:40
Undefeated (PG-13) Oscar winner -- Best Documentary!: 2:20-4:40-7:00-9:20
Coriolanus (R) 5:00

MARYLAND

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Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) NO PASSES;Silver Babies Show: (!) 12:00; (!) 2:20-4:40-7:00-9:20
Pina (PG) 11:00AM
The Artist (PG-13) 1:05-3:05-5:10-7:15-9:25
An Evening with Bill Plympton (PG) NO PASSES: (!) 7:00
The Land of Oblivion (Terre outragee) (NR) NO PASSES: (!) 9:00

AMC Loews Center Park 8
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A Thousand Words (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:15-12:30-3:00-5:30-8:10-10:20
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Digital Presentation: 10:45-3:10-7:20
John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 10:30-7:45-10:40
21 Jump Street (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:00-1:30-4:00-7:00-10:00
John Carter (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 1:45-4:40
Safe House (R) Digital Presentation: 12:45-3:30-6:40-9:45
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Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:30-2:00-5:00-8:00-10:30
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 1:00-5:15-9:30

AMC Loews White Flint 5
11301 Rockville Pike www.AMCTheatres.com

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Digital Presentation: 2:50-7:35
The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:10-3:30-7:00-10:20
The Artist (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:50
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:25-5:20-10:05
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 1:10-4:40-7:50-11:00
21 Jump Street (R) 1:25-4:20-7:15-10:35

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Dysfunctional Friends (NR) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: (!) 10:30-1:20-4:20-7:20-10:10
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Silent House (R) 9:30-3:00-8:10
21 Jump Street (R) (!) 9:50-12:40-3:40-6:30-9:15

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com

Footnote (Hearat Shulayim) (PG) 2:05-4:45-7:10-9:45
The Artist (PG-13) 1:35-4:15-6:45-9:15
A Separation (Jodaeiye Nader az Simin) (PG-13) 2:30-5:30-8:30
Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) 1:15-3:15-5:15-7:25-9:35
Friends With Kids (R) 2:10-4:40-7:15-9:50
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Delicacy (PG-13) 1:50-4:35-7:05-9:40

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com

John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (!) 1:00-6:50-10:00
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 2:10
John Carter (PG-13) 3:50
The Vow (PG-13) 4:40-9:20
The Hunger Games (PG-13) (!) 1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00-4:30-5:00-6:00-7:00-7:30-8:00-9:00-10:10-10:40
This Means War (PG-13) 1:40-4:20-6:40-9:10
Project X (R) 2:50-5:10-7:50-10:15
A Thousand Words (PG-13) 2:30-7:10
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) 1:00-3:10-5:20-7:40-9:50
21 Jump Street (R) 1:30-4:30-7:20-9:50

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John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (!) 1:15
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TV weekend lookout

Change in the Forecast

The Weather Channel shifts its focus away from climate news

Reality

TWC 8:00

The Weather Channel is in the midst of a transformation, one that can be traced in part to an idle afternoon Al Roker spent surfing the Web.

Pleased with the ratings earned by some new series, the network is increasing by 70 percent the amount of original programming it had planned to offer this year and will debut new shows each month.

Once the home primarily to meteorologists standing in front of maps, the new Weather Channel will feature Arctic pilots, iron workers, wind turbine and power line repairers and Coast Guard rescuers.

The Weather Channel recognized that it needed things to keep people watching for longer than it took for the next local forecast to pop up. Now network managers are embracing programs where weather is just one of many characters.

THE WEATHER CHANNEL

The Weather Channel's "Coast Guard Alaska" tracks rescues in frozen climates.

"Coast Guard Alaska," which details rescues in a forbidding climate, has done so well since its November premiere that the Weather Channel has already ordered a spin-off series involving a Coast Guard station in Florida. ("Coast Guard Alaska" airs Wednesdays at 9 p.m.; an encore airs Friday at 8.)

The Coast Guard series come from Roker, who while Web surfing one afternoon noticed some rescue videos that the agency had posted on YouTube. He quickly set up a meeting to put the series together.

"Everybody needs to evolve," says Roker, who hosts the network's "Wake Up With Al." The Weather Channel "is a different channel today than it was even a year ago, and I think it's for the better."

DAVID BAUDER (AP)

Best Bets

SAT 8:00

Must Love Cats (APL) Most cats run from the sound of a vacuum cleaner. But in England, John Fulton, left meets one who can drown it out: Smokey, who holds the Guinness world record for the loudest-purring cat.

SUN 8:00

Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (PBS) This 10-part series journeys into the ancestry of a group of individuals to provide new understanding of identity and American history. Those featured include Kevin Bacon, Tyra Banks and Barbara Walters.

SUN 9:00

Luck (HBO) Jerry plans another big score. Ace and Gus join the crowd at the track for the showdown between their horse, Pint of Plain, and Walter's horse, Gettin'Up Morning, in the season finale.

SUN 10:00

Leave It to Niecy (TLC) Niecy Nash, left, stars in this docu-sitcom that blends elements of scripted and unscripted TV to make something a bit different. It takes viewers into Nash's home, where she and her husband, their three kids and Nash's opinionated mother all live in varying degrees of harmony. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Premieres

'Mad' as Ever

Call it a penance payment for the extended break during seasons, call it whatever you want — a two-hour episode opens the long-awaited fifth season of "Mad Men" (9 p.m., AMC) with clashes between Pete and Roger and between Joan (Christina Hendricks, above) and a house guest. (TM)

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Blog Log

"Well this one's probably going to break the internets. The only thing the hip crowd likes more than Wu-Tang is 'The Wire,' and now the most beloved actor from 'The Wire' is playing the most beloved member of Wu-Tang in a biopic (OK, Ghostface is probably more beloved, but he's not dead). Oh indeed, thank you, Jesus and Big Baby Jesus."

— **VINCE MANCINI AT FILMDRUNK.UPROXX.COM** is looking forward to the film project titled "Dirty White Boy," which focuses on the relationship between the late Old Dirty Bastard, aka Big Baby Jesus, and Jarred Weisfeld, a 22-year-old VH1 production assistant who eventually became his manager.

"A U.S. Senate hearing on NFL bounties? Good grief. Thought [commissioner Roger] Goodell handled it pretty well. Shouldn't Senate focus on other items?"

— **@WORLD_OF_WOODY** can't understand why Sen. Dick Durbin is setting up a Judiciary Committee hearing about bounties in professional sports after Goodell punished the New Orleans Saints for giving out extra cash for hits on specific opponents.

"OK, they are forever trying to parallel EVERYTHING to Marilyn [Monroe]'s life. WE GET IT. My head hurts from your beating me [with] it!"

— **@JOKEDIVA** reacts to the storyline of NBC's "Smash," starring Katharine McPhee, which was renewed for a second season on Thursday.

"Stars — they're just like us: They get flustered when they can't figure out how to pay the thingamajig to get out of the parking garage. But there's something especially funny about watching it happen to Larry David, who made a career out of getting annoyed by the minutiae of everyday life."

— **EMMA G. GALLEGOS AT LAIST.COM** was amused by a video that surfaced Wednesday on TMZ.com of the creator of HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and "Seindfeld" having trouble getting out of a Los Angeles parking lot.

"The giant figure hugging Union Flag, in the wrong colours, is disconcertingly tight. ... Picture, if you dare, that thick navy central band stretched across the midriff of your average football supporter."

— **TOM PECK AT BLOGS.INDEPENDENT.CO.UK** thinks Great Britain's new Olympic uniforms, designed by Stella McCartney — particularly the soccer jerseys — should be redesigned to fit regular people and not just elite athletes.

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Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be disappointed in the way things are going, but there is only so much you can do without making some serious and dramatic changes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You must take care that you don't have others expecting the worst from you today. You can do what you do best — and have them wanting more.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may recognize those who can offer you something you truly need. You may, by day's end, actually get more than you can use immediately.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An unexpected point of interest may have you considering certain things that you do not usually take seriously.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A friend may take your refusal in very much the wrong way today — but perhaps there is some humor at work that you do not recognize.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll receive information as it is available, but what you do with it is likely to surprise those who have made it available to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can learn a great deal about your audience simply by telling a story or two before getting down to work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may find yourself fighting not only a lack of enthusiasm, but also unexpected fatigue. Of course, the two often go together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) It's important for you to get things in the right order before addressing them individually. Get your ducks in a row.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are seeking a way out of a situation that makes you feel trapped, but the more you fight it, the more restricting it seems.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) While maintaining your professional stance, you can enjoy a little gossip with a co-worker. Certain boundaries must be respected, of course.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may not fully understand how you affect people until it is too late — though this is not always a bad thing, surely!

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 221

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E1	E1	U1	L1	L1	N1	V4		
								RACK 2
A1	E1	I1	T1	S1	G2	V4		
								RACK 3
E1	E1	O1	N1	R1	K5	W4	3rd Letter Double	
								RACK 4
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Yesterday's Solution

U1	K5	U1	L1	E1	L1	E1	RACK 1 =	83
S1	A1	F4	E1	L1	Y4		RACK 2 =	12
I1	M3	M3	E1	R1	S1	E1	RACK 3 =	64
K5	E1	Y4	L1	E1	S1	S1	RACK 4 =	64
PAR SCORE 150-160							TOTAL	223

FOUR RACK TOTAL _____

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

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Yesterday's Solution

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Need more Su|do|ku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS

Forecast

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Today: Morning fog; clouds and sun today. A couple of thunderstorms tonight.

75 | 57

Tomorrow: A couple of thunderstorms tomorrow. Heavy rain tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
61 | 46	63 | 47	65 | 43

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:07 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:23 p.m.
Moonrise today: 7:15 a.m.
Moonset today: 8:44 p.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 58
Record high: 90
Normal low: 39
Record low: 17

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Crossword

PLACES TO RETIRE

ACROSS

1 Gridder's protection
4 New Zealand aborigine
9 Draft status?
14 Words that will definitely get you a kiss
15 "The Courtship of Miles Standish" character
16 Little men in the front row
17 Leaders of hives
19 Business outfits
20 "Conservative" starter
21 Apply spin
23 Agitated condition
24 Law school class
26 One of Moses' spies
28 Dispel differences
32 "A mouse!"
35 Carve in marble
36 Book filled with legends
38 Chi-town paper (with "The")
40 Penned up, like pigs
43 Or ___ (bully's words)
44 Year, to the French
46 Planet fourth nearest to the sun
48 Seashell seller, in a tongue twister
49 Form into one cluster
53 Not-too-big a band
54 Deposit on teeth
58 The Rolling Stones' "Time ___ My Side"
60 Tart role for Shirley MacLaine
63 Rimshot instrument
64 "Charleston Rag" composer Blake
66 Some linens
68 Aired an old show
69 Many a film festival film
70 Depart from the truth
71 Backspace, on a computer
72 Checks for fingerprints
73 Attach, as a patch

DOWN

1 Arouse, as interest
2 Former juvenile
3 Performs, to the Bard
4 Hand shackle
5 Church garment
6 Some poetic efforts
7 Be a real stinker
8 Aardwolf prey
9 Co-___ (some apartments)
10 Make queasy
11 Doubleheaders
12 "Climactic" intro
13 "Hey you, c'mere!"
18 Musician Clapton
22 Trumpet's sound
25 Adjusts, as a clock
27 Place for a shepherd
29 Perform on a TV show
30 Nursery favorite
31 Skin condition
32 Zeta's follower
33 Berger of the opera
34 Large venomous snake
37 Wait partner
39 Showy blooms
41 "... silk purse out of a sow's ___"
42 "Blast the luck!"
45 Tree with "helicopter" seeds
47 Secret deposits
50 ___-Wan Kenobi ("Star Wars" character)
51 Grisly
52 Bald eagle's relative
55 Asian weight units
56 Swinging Shaw
57 Darn it all again?
58 "Able was ___..." (part of a palindrome)
59 "Judge Judy" figure
61 Beanery handout
62 Affixes
65 Toronto-Ottawa dir.
67 "Down in front!"

Yesterday's Solution

A	L	A		D	E	C	E	I	V	E		H	A	H
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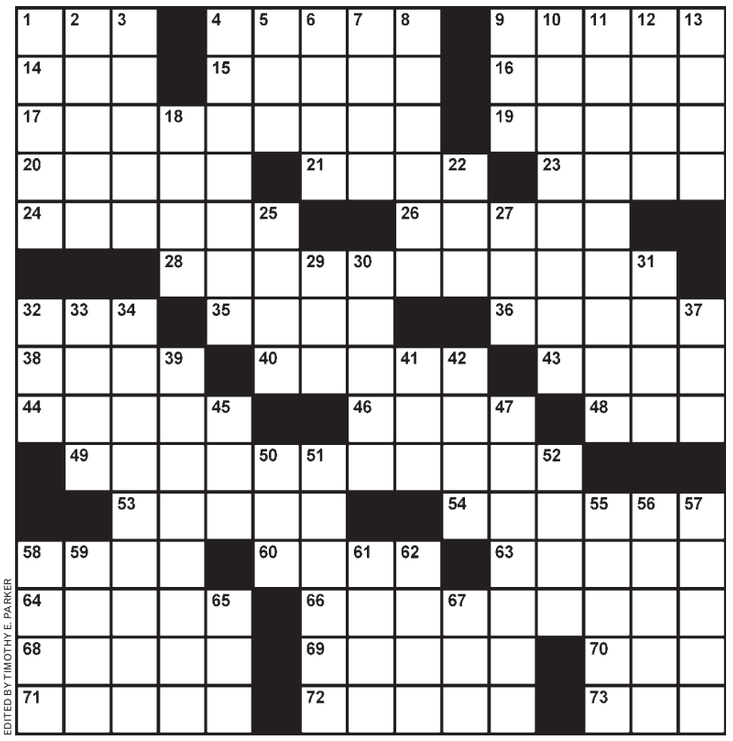
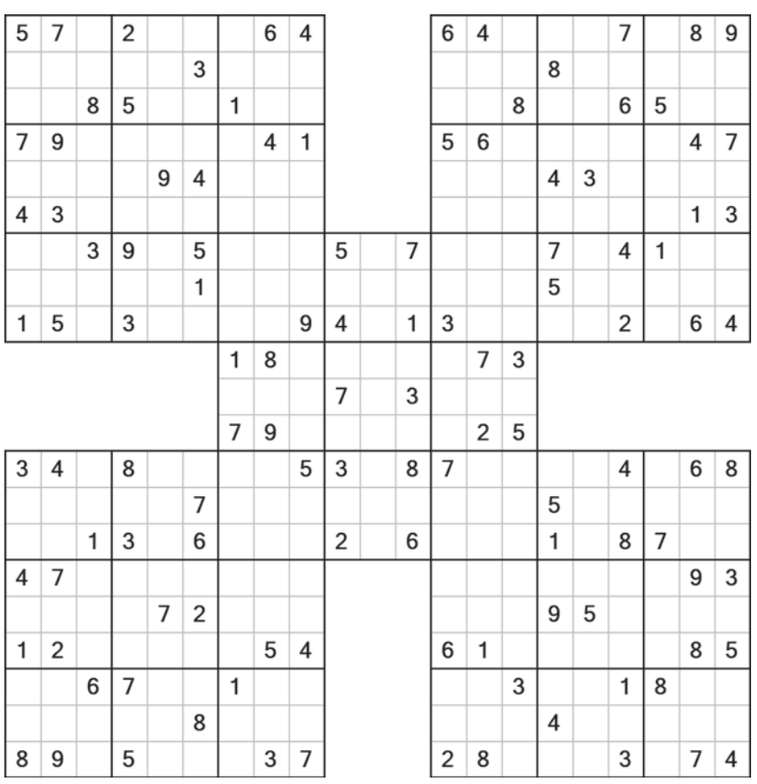


Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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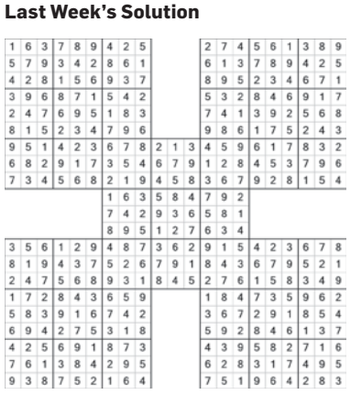
Last Week's Solution



Today in History

1775 Patrick Henry deliveres an address to the Virginia Provincial Convention in which he is said to have declared, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

1806 Explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, begin their journey back east.

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COUPLES

Suggested Nicknames: Rihashton, Kutchanna

Rumors are swirling that Rihanna and Ashton Kutcher are dating after the singer was spotted leaving the "Two and a Half Men" star's Los Angeles mansion Thursday morning. According to Radaronline.com, photographers saw the pop star depart Kutcher's at 4 a.m. Earlier in the night, she was seen grabbing dinner with a friend in Santa Monica. (EXPRESS)

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY

For Recipe Advice, She Turns to Ancient Spatula

Gwyneth Paltrow says she connects with her dead father, Bruce, through his ring, which she wears around her neck. "I always hold on to it. I ask it questions; I feel like it keeps me safe," she told Harper's Bazaar. "[I sense] the energy of his soul. I don't think that evaporates. I feel my dad, I still feel his love, and I still love him." (EXPRESS)

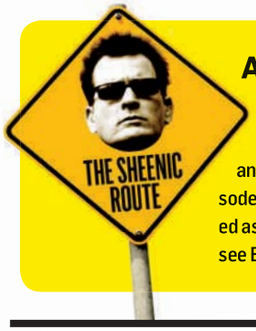
ELISABETTA VILLA/GETTY IMAGES

Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino didn't say if he was also getting treatment for his poor fashion choices.

ADMISSIONS

A Tough Situation

The party is on hold for The Situation. The "Jersey Shore" cast member is getting treatment for prescription medication use. Mike Sorrentino says he's voluntarily seeking to "take control" of medication he was taking to deal with exhaustion. The 29-year-old reality star didn't specify the medication. MTV says it has no comment. (AP)



A Rare Winning Attitude

Charlie Sheen says he's honored that Kathy Bates will be playing the ghost of his old "Two and a Half Men" character in an upcoming episode of the series. TMZ says the casting was intended as a jab at Sheen, but sources say he can't wait to see Bates play Charlie Harper. (EXPRESS)

BABY NAMES

Baby Set for Career as Soccer Player, MMA Fighter or NFL Punter

"Suburgatory's" Jeremy Sisto says he's named his first son. "Little man finally told us his name; BASTIAN KICK SISTO," the actor tweeted Wednesday. Sisto and wife Addie Lane's 2-year-old daughter is named Charlie-Ballerina. (EXPRESS)

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